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(AP). — Gold hit a record of \$115 here yesterday as it began trading about the \$100 level after the devalued price of \$150 an ounce.

Gold set yesterday was up from Wednesday's record of \$105.50, the previous high, to \$115.50, a dollar and 50 cents higher, dropping 10 cents against the Swiss franc in the Zurich market.

Volume, however, was low, the only financial Europe open yesterday was closed for the Ashkenazi holiday. In New York, gold is sold only to jewellers and industrial users, not the \$115 mark. Private citizens are not allowed to trade.

Trading volume meant no monetary crisis yet, but the reason for this was February's major world bank meeting in London, outside fixed exchange

Spanish ties
with Israel
discussed

Jerusalem Post Reporter for Spanish Government and businessman has met with Golda Meir and Israeli leaders this week as prospects of forming a relationship between Israel and Madrid. Dr. Miguel Barren, Advocate of the Madrid office, met with Meir after his meeting with her. He said that both he and the Spanish Government are "hoping that after solving the existing difficulties very soon have formal ties." Dr. Barren also met with Defence Minister Moshe Dayan, former David Ben-Gurion, and Staff Rav-Aluf David and senior Foreign Minister.

He visited private business in Spain — and is in Israel to discuss formally to the Economic Conference, report on his visit and will appear in Sunday.

Wounded Egyptian
repatriated

Yesterday returned an Egyptian of war, First Sergeant D. Ismail el-Madhin, who need of further medical

Announcement said it led to return Madhin — severely wounded in June 1967, he tried to cross over to Israel territory with two other soldiers in the Bitter Lakes under the terms of the convention which specifies that prisoners must be re-

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President Nixon, left, and French President Pompidou pose for pictures just before their meeting in Reykjavik yesterday. (AP radio-photo)

Nixon and Pompidou 'will keep trying' to settle their differences

REYKJAVIK (AP). — The Presidents of the U.S. and France failed yesterday after day-long talks to settle any of the major political, economic and defence problems that divide them.

Richard Nixon and Georges Pompidou agreed, however, to keep on trying through a variety of channels and through direct exchanges to reconcile their conflicting policies.

At a news conference, Henry Kissinger, Mr. Nixon's adviser on national security affairs, said the two leaders had agreed on basic objectives and procedures for seeking to resolve problems facing NATO.

"The two presidents agreed that our interests are identical and the only differences between our two nations are how we can best achieve common objectives," Dr. Kissinger said.

Egypt urges Arab F.M.s to attend U.N. Council session

By ANAN SAFADI
Jerusalem Post Arab Affairs Reporter
Egypt has called on the Arab states to send their Foreign Ministers to the Middle East debate at the U.N. Security Council opening next Monday to lend weight to what Cairo plans to be as the climax of its diplomatic activity on the issue.

Cairo Radio last night quoted Egyptian diplomatic circles as saying that a number of Arab states have responded to the appeal. The radio noted that Egypt has recently conducted a series of contacts with Arab capitals to coordinate their position on the debate.

Egyptian President Anwar Sadat was yesterday quoted in the Cairo press as saying his country's main aim in asking the Security Council to meet was to expose "Israel's aggression and its attempts to obstruct all efforts for a peaceful and just settlement." Sadat was reported to have made the remark on Wednesday night at the end of a Cabinet session which lasted for seven hours.

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common objectives," Dr. Kissinger said.

The American-French exchanges had gone on through the day not only at the presidential level but also between foreign and finance ministers.

A French spokesman reported both chiefs of state had vowed that their respective positions were neither rigid nor immobile in other words compromises were possible.

The French, however, said later they consider this a distant prospect. Earlier, Mr. Nixon had pledged U.S. troops will stay on in Europe indefinitely. This was in response to a warning by Mr. Pompidou there would be "great danger" in any unilateral cutback of America's 300,000-man force in the Old World.

It's now up to Bourguiba

Jerusalem Post Diplomatic Correspondent
Foreign Ministry sources indicated yesterday that it was now up to President Bourguiba to initiate a meeting with an Israeli leader. Following Foreign Minister Eban's formal acceptance in the Knesset on Wednesday of Bourguiba's suggestion that he meet an Israeli, Israel is now waiting to hear further from the Tunisian leader.

Privately, officials doubted whether the Tunisian President was serious about wanting to meet an Israeli leader. At any rate, if the meeting did come off it would be with Premier Golda Meir herself, the officials said. They added that Tunisia could easily avail itself of the good offices of a friendly third country to communicate with Israel on arrangements for a meeting.

P.L.O. blasts Post's Arab Affairs Reporter

Jerusalem Post Reporter
The Palestine Liberation Organization in Cairo yesterday singled out The Jerusalem Post's Arab Affairs Correspondent for sharp criticism, claiming he was "collaborating" in secret contacts between Israel and Jordan.

The P.L.O. claimed in a broadcast that new Jordanian Prime Minister, Badr Hfall was maintaining contacts with The Post's correspondent. Referring to last Monday's report on Mr. Rabin's Middle East policy, the P.L.O. said that the correspondent who "serves the Zionist cause reveals much less than he knows."

In its 10-minute attack, the P.L.O. went on to charge that the Arab Affairs Correspondent acts in the service of Defence Minister Moshe Dayan.

Greek junta fires naval chief of staff

ATHENS (AP). — Greece's military command yesterday dismissed the Naval Chief of Staff, Constantine Margaritis. His ouster came in the wake of an abortive attempt by naval officers to overthrow the military junta.

The government gave no explanation for the dismissal, which came after an extraordinary meeting of the National Defence Council. An announcement said only that Margaritis would go into retirement and would be replaced by Admiral Petros Arastakis, commander of the fleet.

Senate votes to cut bombing funds
WASHINGTON (AP). — The Senate voted 63-19 yesterday to cut off all money for continued U.S. bombing in Cambodia and Laos.

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Economic parley concludes

Mrs. Meir: We listen to war talk and we prepare

By AARON KITTNER
Jerusalem Post Reporter
The 1973 Prime Minister's Economic Conference — third in the nation's history and by progress reports the most successful — came to a close in Jerusalem's Binyanei Ha'Ooma last night.

The 1,000 delegates and their wives, joined by hundreds of Israelis, sat hushed in the huge auditorium as Prime Minister Golda Meir told them, "We hear from our neighbour to the south that the easiest thing to do is to fight. Our neighbour to the northeast says it will participate (in the fighting). We listen and prepare ourselves... now the fact that all of you despite these fears, have chosen to come here for the conference attests to the fact that you understand we are all one people."

Mrs. Meir noted the conference had taken place during Jerusalem Day celebrations commemorating the unification of the city "after 19 years of sorrow with a ribbon of hatred and running through its heart" and the Walling Wall inaccessible to Jews.

"But today," she continued, "the no longer weeps for her sons because they are back. She stands there in all her glory, all her majesty, as a beacon of hope to the thousands of oppressed Jews in the ghettos of Syria and Iraq and in large cities of the Soviet Union."

So, as you leave for home tomorrow, take along with you not only fond memories of Jerusalem but also some of its sense of concern for fellow Jews. Tell the world we in Israel are a wandering people that need not wander any more, a people that may be disliked but not homeless any more, a people whose deepest hope is that it can soon labour and develop its land in peace with its neighbours."

Earlier the head of the U.S. delegation to the conference, Victor Carter, reported more than 40 new joint and independent business ventures had been inaugurated already during the four-day conference. In addition, six investment companies had been formed with a planned investment programme of a quarter

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Phantoms to Saudia, perhaps to Kuwait

State Dep't: No sales likely to harm security of Israel

WASHINGTON. — The U.S. is willing to sell "a limited number" of F-4 Phantom jets to Saudi Arabia and is actively considering a similar request from Kuwait.

Other U.S. officials later disclosed the pending deal with Kuwait.

The spokesman said, "It is not a sudden reaction to security concerns or to the energy problem. Rather it is a continuing response

going back over the years to legitimate requirements of friendly states in the Gulf."

The spokesman acknowledged that the Israel Government had expressed concern over reports that the U.S. was involved in a multi-million dollar arms sales drive in Kuwait, Saudi Arabia and other smaller Gulf states.

"I am not aware of any specific complaints," he said. "But we are aware of Israel's concern. Obviously we would not make sales that would put Israel's security in jeopardy."

Earlier, informed sources said the U.S. only agreed to sell the F-4 to Saudi Arabia when faced with the possibility of it buying new fighters from France. They also said the U.S. was negotiating an agreement to improve Saudi Arabia's Hawk missile anti-aircraft system, which could cost up to \$200m. over the next four years.

The U.S. is also negotiating \$500m. arm sales with Kuwait and smaller agreements with other Persian Gulf states, including Qatar and Abu Dhabi.

According to some reports, U.S. arms sales to the Gulf states could reach more than \$1,000m. But the spokesman said this appeared to include cumulative totals over the past two or three years.

Justifying the arms sales, he said: "It became clear that countries in the area would have to take on more of their own security procedures following Britain's decision in 1968 to pull out of the area."

"Our policy has been that Iran, Kuwait, Saudi Arabia and the smaller states cooperate to ensure that the region remains secure," he said. "It is natural that they have turned increasingly to the United States for arms and services as they seek to build up their deterrent."

"We are aware of the Israeli government's concern about possible U.S. arms sales to countries in the Gulf and we will continue to give these views full consideration," he said. "I would like to make clear that any decisions take fully into account our long-standing support for Israel's legitimate concerns."

(AP, Reuters)

Dayan: Arms balance favouring Arabs

By DAVID KRIVINE
Jerusalem Post Economic Correspondent
TEL AVIV. — The balance of advantage in military equipment is moving in the Arabs' favour, Defence Minister Moshe Dayan told the Economic Conference here yesterday.

In 1967, the ratio of planes and tanks between Israel and its Arab enemies was approximately 1:2 and now it is 1:3, he said. Their planes increased in number during the last six years from 500 to 1,400, their tanks from 1,500 to 6,000.

This is a by-product of what is called the energy crisis. Arab governments have built up enormous purchasing power by up-ricing their oil. Russia arms Egypt, Syria and Iraq, while the Western powers arm Libya, Saudi Arabia, Kuwait and even Jordan. "We can call this era 'Oil and Sympathy,'" he quipped.

Mr. Dayan said the Egyptians were not only talking now about the resumption of war, but were also taking technical steps that might affect the course of events.

Sadat's war threats must be taken seriously, because the Egyptian leader has gone out on a limb, through mobilising 800,000 soldiers (at heavy cost) and coining the loan of warplanes from other Arab states. "It is hard to visualise him sending his troops home and renouncing the aircraft," he said. U.S. Ambassador to U.N. John Scott said the show is over."

But the minister was confident that Israel will retain a decisive military superiority over the coming decade. First, it is manufacturing a growing proportion of its own weaponry. In 1966/67 Israel bought 11,900m. of military supplies, half of it locally. This year it is buying 12,500m., slightly less than half comes from local sources, but that still represents a six-fold increase in output. In 1977, which is not so far ahead, Israel will be buying 12,500m. of war supplies — but 70 per cent of that will be locally made.

Second, the present military or ceasefire lines ("I do not call them political borders," he stressed) give Israel tactical protection of the first importance. "We are ready to surrender territory and put up with less secure borders in return for a peace agreement, because peace is our first priority. But until there is agreement, we shall not budge from our present positions, even if it takes 10 years."

In conclusion, he stated: "As long as we have Israel as our soldiers, Americans as our suppliers, the Suez Canal as our military border, and the Arabs as our enemy, we

should be all right."

Also at the Economic Conference in Tel Aviv yesterday, Foreign Minister Eban said Israel's relations with the U.S. are based on a common doctrine of reciprocal interests. The balance of power achieved in the Middle East, the consequent cease-fire, and the withdrawal of the Russians, are all vindications of American policy. As to the developing countries, "Our aid is available to those who want it, and most still do want it."

Questioned by Murray Koffer of Canada about Arab attempts to change the U.N.'s resolution 242, Mr. Eban pointed out that it calls for withdrawal from territories, not all the territories. "Adding these two words is like adding two noughts on a cheque," he said. U.S. Ambassador to U.N. John Scott thinks that a number of European powers will oppose any change, so that the U.S. will probably not need to use its veto at the forthcoming Security Council meeting.

(AP, Reuters)

Implications for Israel

By HIRSH GOODMAN
Jerusalem Post Military Correspondent
Military circles yesterday reserved comment on the U.S. agreement to supply Phantom jets to Saudi Arabia. The deal will only have implications for Israel, it was explained, if the planes were handed over to a third party — in contravention of a non-transfer clause included in all American arms deals — such as Egypt or Jordan, or if they were used in a joint Arab effort should overall hostilities be resumed.

If, however, the planes should be transferred to Egypt in the same manner as the Libyans and the Iraqis handed over Mirages and Hunter jets recently, it would threaten the Egyptian fleet's capability of reaching targets within the old "green line" which hitherto have been out of their range. Mig fighters are incapable of reaching Israeli centres of population, while Egyptian bombers such as the Tupolev have the range, but are slow and highly vulnerable without fighter escort.

The Phantom is a highly complex aircraft and — according to conservative estimates — it will be years before the Saudis manage to reach a standard where they could risk the 50m. planes in aerial confrontation with the Israeli Air Force.

The Phantom F-4, though considered by experts to be the most effective multi-mission fighter now in use, has been in operation for over a decade, and one can assume that the plane of the late 1970s, the date by which the planes being handed over to Saudi Arabia will be ready for combat — will be a far cry from the version currently being sold by the Americans.

Thus far the Americans have supplied Phantoms to only Israel and Iran in the Middle East.

Our diplomatic reporter adds: Officials in Jerusalem were reluctant to say what Israel was seeking from the U.S. to redress the impairment to Israel's military superiority which will result from the sale of sophisticated planes and warships to the Arab "oil states."

With the State Department spokesman announcing last night that Phantom warplanes would be included in the arms deal, hopes in Jerusalem that this could be avoided were dashed — an Israeli's efforts will now focus on obtaining adequate "compensation" for its own arsenal.

The Cabinet is expected to discuss the question at length at its meeting on Sunday. The view has already been expressed in some quarters that the envisaged quantity and quality of arms flowing into Arab hands over the next few years dictates a hardening of Israel's policy on "secure borders."

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EBAN AT CONFERENCE: Israel's economic strength subject to international politics

By DAVID KRIVINE
Jerusalem Post Economic Correspondent
TEL AVIV. — The increase in Israel's economic strength, which is a prime object of the present Economic Conference, possesses important political overtones too, Foreign Minister Abba Eban told delegates at the Hilton Hotel yesterday.

Under the existing detente between East and West, international rivalry focuses more and more on economics. Mr. Eban said that when asked how Britain's relations with Israel could be improved, Foreign Secretary Sir Alec Douglas-Home told him it depended in part on Britain's balance of payments. If they could be improved such that she becomes immune to economic pressures, then greater flexibility would be possible in political matters.

Mr. Eban pointed out that Israel's imports from the expanded Common Market already exceed those of all her Arab neighbours together. By the end of this year, "we shall have one foot in the door of the European community," he added.

MASS EXODUS

Moshe Kol, Minister of Tourism, started his address by reading from a prepared text — at which point a mass exodus of delegates began. He quickly put his papers down and extemporized instead. The result was a lively, humorous talk that gained considerable applause.

He announced that the Government had decided to grant tax and loan incentives for the first time to tourist enterprises other than hotels. This would include beach and sport facilities, as well as restaurants in tourist areas.

Mr. Kol forecast a 10 per cent annual increase in the number of visitors to Israel, not much more than the increase of tourism in the world in general. But if peace comes — "and I believe it will come" — then the possibilities of "regional tourism" are unlimited, he said. Jordan has already opened her Israeli border for tourists. "If the Lebanese want to become a world centre for tourism, they should open their Israeli border, like Jordan. If they want to be a world centre for terrorism, then our soldiers will visit them, not tourists."

BRAIN FORCE

Manpower problems were discussed by Labour Minister Yosef Almoget, who emphasized that "our labour force is turning into brain force." Israel has no sources of unskilled labour left, he said, so it should build industries that depend on professional skills. During the next five years, Israel's work force will increase by just under 20 per cent — and its professionals by 60 per cent.

Transport Minister Shimon Peres brought huge investments projects to the attention of the audience. A suburban railway system serving Herzliya, Petah Tikva, Lod, Ramle and Holon, with the Tel Aviv section underground, will require an initial investment of \$250m. In due course, the lines will be extended to Haifa and Jerusalem (presumably in place of the existing rail lines), and to Eilat.

"We want to double our merchant marine from 5m. to 10m. tons, equalling the present U.S. figure," he said. El Al plans to increase the number of its jumbo jets from four to 10.

Housing Minister Ze'ev Sharaf spoke of the need for more industrialization of building.

Absorption Minister Nathan Peled urged the formation of a conference committee to study ways to increase employment opportunities for the many immigrant professionals now arriving.

MOST SUCCESSFUL

Sam Rothberg, who was chairman at this final working session, called the Third Economic Conference the most successful of all assemblies. An Israeli official explained the absence of announced investments in the professional committees: "This is a conference of business, not of declarations."

Yeshayahu Stopper, head of the investment centre, told The Jerusalem Post that a lot of investment tie-ups had been arranged. "One country has 24 delegates — and 16 of them are busy with active negotiations," he said.

ARRIVALS

Erich Hofstetter, member of the Austrian Parliament and deputy chairman of the Austrian Federation of Trade Unions, at the head of a 10-member trade union delegation, for a 10-day visit as guests of the Histadrut (by Alltel).

DEPARTURES

Henry Ford II, chairman of the Ford Motor Co., for New York, after inaugurating the Ford commercial vehicle assembly line in Nazareth and attending the 50th anniversary celebration of the Israel Manufacturers' Association (by Alltel).

Abraham Schenker, head of the Zionist Executive's Organization Department, to Uruguay, to take part in the annual meeting of the Latin American Zionist Council.



Sam Rothberg, chairman of the closing session of "the most successful Economic Conference" over.

tations, to my knowledge," Mr. Stopper said.

Yosef Ron, who deals with the metals industry at the Ministry of Commerce and Industry, said an unprecedented number of business deals in his branch had been concluded or were in an advanced stage of discussion. They include, among others, factories to manufacture zinc (a \$30m. investment), discs and moulds, components for electronic connectors, knitting machines, fittings for the building industry, and motor trailers and household utensils for export.

C.R. Russell-Smith, of Allied Textiles, one of Britain's biggest textile combines with 28 mills, was at the conference. Ernst Wodak of Israel said the possibility is envisaged of establishing a subsidiary for making these fabrics, to be owned jointly by Allied Textiles and the Aderet group. "This would be in conjunction with our clients, the weaving mills, since we supply only the yarn," he said.

Another participant, Aaron Gutwirth of the U.S., who owns a holding company in Israel called Allied Investment, told The Post that the group expects to invest another \$130m. this year, of which \$120m. is his own contribution.

Jemama Industries, a marketing company sponsored by Shlomo Mandelbaum of Israel, has had a trial run in the last four months. Owned now by a quartet which also includes Lou Barnett, Dick Rosenberg and Hy Evert of the U.S., it is undertaking two activities: manufacturing U.S. products (with U.S. specification) in Israel and shipping products that will be re-exported to the U.S.

U.S. Alvin told The Post that three important foreign investors are doing an eight-week Hebrew course in Netanya. One is Max Dost of the U.S., who has financed the construction of a teachers' training seminar at the Hebrew University.

Newspapers considering price rises

By MACABEE DEAN
Jerusalem Post Reporter

TEL AVIV. — Due to rising labour costs and the price of newspaper, publishers are considering increasing the price of the newspapers, with "Haaretz" taking this step today. A monthly subscription to "Haaretz" will now cost \$12.50 (instead of \$12.00) with the daily paper rising from 60 agoras to 70 agoras, and Friday's paper from \$1.30 to \$1.50.

"Davar" intends raising the price of its daily paper from 55 to 65 agoras and of Friday's paper from \$1.20 to \$1.40 on June 15.

The morning dailies "Al Hamishmar" and "Hatzofeh" and the two afternoon newspapers, "Ma'ariv" and "Yediot Aharonot" have not yet taken any decision on when to raise their prices. However, "Al Hamishmar" is considering raising the price either on June 15 or July 1.

Labour study wants abolition of 6 ministries

Jerusalem Post Reporter

TEL AVIV. — A Labour Party study group has recommended the abolition of the Ministries of Police, Religious Affairs, Development, Communications, Social Welfare and Tourism and their incorporation as departments of enlarged ministries. The recommendation was contained in a report issued on Monday by a Labour Party government study group headed by Moshe Carmel, M.K.

The group also advised appointing a minister-without-a-portfolio as a coordinator of such fields as science, technology, ecology and improved welfare services.

The Carmel committee also recommended giving the Prime Minister's Office greater say in overall planning, control and coordination of other ministries, as well as wider powers to the Deputy Prime Minister.

Missing boy 'victim of hit-run driver'

BETHLEHEM. — The body of a seven-year-old boy reported missing three days earlier was discovered Tuesday by members of the boy's family. Police believe the boy was run over and killed by a car whose driver hid the body after the accident.

The child, Nuhammed Karim, was found in a rocky region near Husan near here. Several local drivers have been detained for questioning.

HAIFA ATTORNEY DINA NOFF LAID TO REST

HAIFA. — Haifa attorney Dina Noff, 33, who was killed Tuesday in a road accident at the Yisrael-Tanakh junction, was laid to rest yesterday in Haifa's Hof Hacarmel cemetery. A large number of her townsmen followed the cortege from Ramban Hospital.

Dina Noff, a graduate of the Hebrew University's Faculty of Law, served for three years as chief assistant to the Haifa and Northern District Attorney. She was in charge of Labour Court cases for the district, and was killed while on her way to Jerusalem to make her debut before the National Labour Court.

She is survived by her husband, Avraham, and by two daughters, Dalia, 9, and Tamar 5. (Nim)

Police halt Student Day parade in T.A.

TEL AVIV. — High-spirited Tel Aviv University students yesterday celebrated Student's Day in this city, but the police put a damper on some of their high-jinks.

The day's programme included fireworks, a bazaar, sporting competitions, dancing, and a carnival parade through the streets of the city. The students ran afoul of the police when their 45-car procession was prevented from entering Rehov Ibn Gabirol. Police said the horse and camel leading the parade were in violation of their permit.

Later the students had to call off a screening of pornographic films after police warned them this was illegal and that the organizers were liable to prosecution. (Nim)

SUICIDE FROM SHALOM TOWER

TEL AVIV. — A 30-year-old Ramat Gan woman lived to her death from the top of Tel Aviv's Shalom Tower yesterday. The woman, whose name was not available last night, died on the spot. Police said they were investigating the death, which they linked to a family dispute. (Nim)

Swiss found dead off Dead Sea beach

BEERSHEBA. — The body of an elderly Swiss tourist, Peter Kasser, 61, was found floating Wednesday afternoon off the Dead Sea's Ein Boket bathing beach. Police said the cause of death was not yet known, and that the body had been sent to the Abu Kadir Institute for Forensic Medicine for autopsy. The body was sighted by beach employee Ismail Abu Ghazi. (Nim)

ECONOMIC

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of a billion dollars. A re-insurance company had been established, and planning is already under way for an international mutual fund.

Turning to Mrs. Meir, Mr. Carter declared, "Madame Prime Minister, we all face the future in confidence!"

François Perrele, outgoing chairman of the conference's Western European regional committee, presented the resolutions approved during the conference. They included a call for greater productivity; better coordination between scientists and industry; a re-appraisal by the Government of its investment incentive programme and adjustments where needed; stepped-up emphasis on environmental protection; a restraint of private consumption and more savings and investment; and strict enforcement of quality control in exports, to enhance Israel's stature as a trading partner in world markets.

On the day, with the Prime Minister, were Ministers Sapir and Bar-Lev; Sam Rothberg, general chairman of the Israel Bond Organization; Mayor Teddy Kollek; Baron Edmond de Rothschild; Mr. Carter; Mr. Perrele; Mr. Marc Moscovitz; Mr. F. Lowy, head of the American delegation; Murray Kotler, head of the Canadian group; Leon Feffer, chairman of the Latin American committee; Mr. D. Kleiman, head of the United Kingdom delegation; Asher Yadin; Maurice Lohmer; Shaul Eisenberg; and Avraham Agmon, Director-General of the Finance Ministry.

Following the closing ceremonies — with the Zedikoff Choir of Tel Aviv singing "Jerusalem of Gold" — the delegates went to the Israel Museum where they were guests at a reception in their honour given by Mayor Kollek. (Nim)

'Sorry, crew's asleep,' BOAC passengers told

LOD AIRPORT. — Passengers who arrived here Wednesday for a morning BOAC flight to London found they had to wait until afternoon to take off — because the flight crew was sleeping.

The plane had arrived several hours late from London the night before, and the passengers ran up against a little-known regulation that guarantees the crew at least a 10-hour rest between flights. While they waited for the crew to finish catching up on their sleep the passengers were treated to breakfast by the airline.

The cause of the plane's delay the night before was a series of protest meetings by workers at London's Heathrow Airport.

Claims oleh status under Law of Return — father a Jew

Jerusalem Post Reporter

A 35-year-old American from Baltimore who was forced to leave the country for alleged missionary activities yesterday obtained an order compelling the High Court of Justice to call on the Minister of Interior to show cause why he should not be granted an immigrant's visa.

Lawrence Goldberg, the applicant, described himself as a "messianic Jew," born of a Jewish father and a non-Jewish mother. He said he first arrived in Israel in 1955 on a tourist's visa. The Interior Ministry refused to extend his visa in 1967 on the grounds that he was a missionary, and Mr. Goldberg left the country.

In 1968 Mr. Goldberg returned again on a tourist's visa, and settled in Beersheba with his wife and two children, both of whom were born here. Two years ago he applied for immigrant status but was turned down.

In the application, Mr. Ben-Menashe says his client is not a Jew according to halacha (the child's religion is determined by that of his mother). But, he argues, Paragraph 4 of the Law of Return says that if either one of a person's parents is Jewish, he is entitled to full immigrant rights.

Mr. Goldberg stated that he was raised as a Jew and "never abandoned my faith." (Nim)

NRP sets up division for Arabs and Druse

Jerusalem Post Political Reporter

TEL AVIV. — The National Religious Party yesterday decided to set up a special division for supporters in the Arab and Druse communities.

A joint meeting of the NRP National Executive and the party's Knesset faction chose a committee to work out details of the new organization.

More than 10,000 voters in Arab and Druse areas voted for the NRP in the 1969 general elections, and their lists enjoy much support in local elections. The NRP controls 15 local councils and has a deputy mayor in Nazareth and a total of 40 city and local councilors in Arab and Druse communities, the meeting learned.

Allon, Rabin on U.S.-Saudi arms deal

TEL AVIV. — Deputy Prime Minister Yigal Alon said yesterday that the American arms deal with Saudi Arabia — if confirmed — only served to underline the strategic importance of Israel's eastern frontier.

Replying to questions from high school students at Ekhyat Ono (where he dedicated a new sports centre), Mr. Alon said, "When we speak of Israel's eastern border, we should remember that it is not only a buffer between us and Jordan, but also between us and a large 'continent' up to the Indian Ocean and the Persian Gulf."

He said the supply of Phantoms to Saudi Arabia strengthened Israel's claim to defensible borders.

Speaking on the same subject, the former Ambassador to the U.S., Yitzhak Rabin, told a meeting of kibbutz Labour Party activists here that the Americans knew there is no assurance that the weapons sold to the Saudis would not be transferred elsewhere. (Nim)

Herut memorial for Etzel, Lehi

Jerusalem Post Reporter

HAIFA. — Memorial ceremonies for the Etzel and Lehi underground fighters who fell in Haifa while fighting the British were held by the Herut Movement yesterday evening. The ceremonies were attended by Herut leader Menachem Begin, Acting Mayor Yerusham Zeisel and some 150 former members of the two organizations.

Memorial stones for the two organizations were placed beside those commemorating the Hagana casualties in Gan Hazikarim.

A memorial plaque was unveiled at a building in Rehov Hanevi'im which served as an Etzel forward base in the fight for the liberation of Haifa, and a plaque was unveiled in a Mount Carmel park where Yedidya Segal, an Etzel member, was murdered.

VENEZUELA'S HEALTH MINISTRY has asked an Israeli team, consisting of architect M. Zehli and engineers of the Seric Corporation, to plan a series of hospitals for that country. The Seric Company took part in planning the Sheba Medical Centre in Tel Hashomer, and Ichilov Hospital in Tel Aviv.

Pre-Six Day War period 'Ot' charges ex-Raf leaders 'created panic'

By MARK SEGAL
Jerusalem Post Political Reporter

TEL AVIV. — A new row is sweeping the Labour Party over the latest attack by the party weekly, "Ot," on the ex-Raf wing. It appears in a series of articles on the pre-Six Day War period and alleges that the ex-Raf leaders were responsible for "creating panic" during the waiting period, resulting in the replacement of the late Levi Eshkol by Moshe Dayan at the Defence Ministry.

The ex-Raf wing has long charged that "Ot" editor David Shaham is biased against them and especially against Defence Minister Moshe Dayan. Yesterday prominent ex-Raf sources charged Mr. Shaham with "deliberately engineering an eve-of-split atmosphere by rewriting history. We can only guess whom he is serving."

In the "Ot" articles, Moshe Gilboa, recapitulating the material he used in his book on the waiting period, charged the ex-Raf leadership and particularly David Ben-Gurion with creating a panic atmosphere. Concluding his article with a description of the Defence portfolio, he wrote: "And so the atmosphere of hysteria and suspicions prevailed."

Mr. Gilboa claimed that "the proposal to make Ben-Gurion Prime Minister and Dayan Defence Minister was not intended to go but to tell the people that not time for war."

The "Ot" editor accused T. Minister Shimon Peres, T. Secretary-General, of having possibly misled a group of supporters as to the gravest waiting period. Prefacing his with, "of course I don't remember what he said," he said only generally: "Shaham continued: 'Acco Peres, we had missed our smashing the Egyptians during overlong waiting period, tempt to dislodge them from would have cost heavy, and might even have failed, no choice but to accept it in the meantime, dig seek allies...'" Mr. Shahat that Mr. Peres tried to them that only Moshe Dayan capable of "selling such to the people."

Sources close to Mr. P. The Jerusalem Post yesterday Shaham has fabricated his readers' benefit and a highly selective memory curiously retroactive imagination. They said, Mr. P. kept a diary of the entire period and recorded all M. meetings. According to M. they claimed Mr. Shaham venting details of the meeting the Eshkol supporters, who confirmed took place.

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THE WEATHER

Forecast: Fair, with slight drop in humidity.

Outlook for Saturday: Fair, with rise in temperatures.

	Yesterday's Humidity	Yesterday's Min.-Max.	Today's Forecast
Jerusalem	43	12-21	14-20
Golan	43	11-19	13-20
Nehalyia	41	14-25	14-25
Safed	67	14-25	14-25
Naifa	38	18-24	18-25
Tiberias	35	17-30	17-31
Natureh	51	18-25	18-25
Fule	52	18-25	18-25
Shomron	49	14-21	14-22
Tel Aviv	45	17-24	17-25
Lod	46	16-23	16-27
Aricho	44	16-23	18-24
Gaza	61	14-25	15-25
Beerseba	29	15-27	15-27
Eilat	18	19-25	19-24
Tiran	20	22-33	23-34

TO SATISFY WORLD OPINION

Soviets willing to free 300,000 Jews in next decade, M.K. says

SARAH HONIG
Jerusalem Post Reporter

Russia appears willing to free 300,000 Jews annually for the next decade, according to a statement made yesterday by Senator Zelman Abramov, a member of the Soviet Council for Soviet Jewry, at a meeting of the ZOA in New York City.

At the meeting, Abramov, who is also a member of the U.S. delegation to the U.S.S.R., stated that the Soviet Union is willing to free 300,000 Jews annually for the next decade.

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who were accused of anti-Soviet activities. The case against them was unexpectedly dismissed earlier this week.

The Council appealed to Senator Hartke several weeks ago, through his adviser, Leon Charney, who was visiting Israel at the time, asking him to intervene on behalf of the Jews in Minsk. Among his subsequent activities, Senator Hartke last Friday met with a delegation of 16 prominent Soviet intellectuals now visiting in the U.S. to take up the case with them.

The Senator is co-sponsor of the Jackson Amendment and a ranking member of the Senate Commerce Committee, which holds great influence on the issue of granting the U.S.S.R. most-favored-nation trade status.

\$100M. FUND
Meanwhile, Prime Minister Golda Meir and top Absorption officials on Wednesday held a "hard but good" seven-hour discussion with a group of immigrant Soviet professionals in which Mrs. Meir suggested a \$100m. fund to help the economy to integrate more academically trained people.

The meeting was called to discuss the job problems facing immigrant Soviet academics. The group, most of them graduates and former leaders in the *akiva* movement in the U.S.S.R., recommended temporary research and development work that would help immigrants find permanent places in Israel's industrial and research establishment.

They also asked for changes and rotation of personnel in all departments of the Absorption Ministry. They told Mrs. Meir they wanted to be allowed to sit on Ministry committees so as to take an active part in finding employment for Soviet academics.

Also present at the meeting were Absorption Minister Natan Peled, his deputy Shlomo Rosen, Jewish Agency chairman Arye Pincus, Tel Aviv University president Yuval Ne'eman, Research Council head Eliezer Tal, and Benny Maharschack, the Labour Party man in charge of immigrants, who organized the meeting.

S. Africa barred from four sports at Maccabiah

By JACK LEON
Jerusalem Post Sports Reporter

TEL AVIV. — South Africa has been banned from taking part in four sports — including the main event, track and field — at the forthcoming Ninth Maccabiah.

Other sports affected by this unprecedented ban are boxing, weightlifting and wrestling. The Jerusalem Post was informed last night by Haim Weizmann, chairman of the games' organizing committee.

Mr. Weizmann said the committee had been negotiating for months on the question of South Africa with the International Federations of the 20 sports being contested at the games, which take place here from July 9 to 19.

RECORD CONTINGENT
All the other federations had agreed to the participation of South Africa, and this time it will be represented by a record 123 athletes (as against 77 four years ago), making it the second largest contingent (after the U.S.) among the 30 or so competing nations.

The federations which ruled against South African participation are understood to have all thrown out or suspended that country because of its notorious racialism in sport. (The International Cycling Federation also decided against allowing South Africa to be represented at the games, but this sport is not included in the 9th Maccabiah.)

On the other hand, FIFA (the International Football Federation) has agreed to South Africa taking part in the 1980 games (this in spite of the fact that FIFA's suspension of the South Africans still holds.)

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Levich says son drafted to keep family from leaving

MOSCOW (UPI). — Electrochemist Benjamin Levich said yesterday the assigning of his ill son to a military camp on the Arctic Ocean was a pretext to keep his family from emigrating to Israel.

Levich produced medical certificates for Western newsmen to support his earlier statements that Yevgeny Levich, 25, an astrophysicist, was seriously ill. He appealed to world medical organizations to "help save the life of a young scientist."

The elder Levich, who has been trying unsuccessfully for 15 months to emigrate with his family to Israel, said they had received a telegram from a Siberian military unit saying Yevgeny had been sent for duty to Tikla Bay, on the Arctic Ocean. He said his son could not survive the tour of duty.

Levich said the move was "an artificially designed pretext for detaining my family and myself in this country for an additional long time."

Yevgeny was arrested on May 16 on his way to a hospital for a medical examination and was later drafted into the army as a private.

Levich showed newsmen photocopies of certificates from the Moscow Clinical Hospital and the Pirogov Hospital which indicated Yevgeny was suffering from chronic colitis, diverticulosis and rectal tumour, with the recommendation he be sent to a cancer clinic for further examination.

T.A. Maccabi celebrates clean sweep of tennis honours

By JACK LEON
Jerusalem Post Sports Reporter

TEL AVIV. — Tel Aviv Maccabi's tennis club on Tuesday night celebrated its clean sweep of the top honours in the just-concluded 1972/73 local tennis season.

Men's teams of the old club (founded back in 1927) won the National League trophy and State Cup, while its girls finished first in the new National Women's Tennis League. In addition, Tel Aviv Maccabi headed League "A" South, and the youth team won the Independence Day trophy. Under the joint captaincy of Ronny Goldman and Ofer Mucha, the club won a record 11 teams in various competitions last season.

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They also asked Commerce Minister Haim Bar-Lev, who was instrumental in ending their previous strikes on May 5, for his immediate intervention in the matter.

Safad Municipality strike set for Sunday
Jerusalem Post Reporter

SAFAD. — The 350 employees of the Municipality here are to start a general strike on Sunday. They are protesting the alleged violation of a recently signed agreement which promised the Sanitation Department workers the same status and social benefits as those enjoyed by their colleagues in other small municipalities.



Mhlangano Stephen Matsibula, Minister of State for Foreign Affairs of Swaziland, meets with President Ephraim Katzir at Beit Hanassi yesterday. Earlier in the day, Mr. Matsibula held a working session with Foreign Minister Abba Eban. He is here on a six-day official visit. It is hoped that his talks will lead to increased Israel agricultural aid to Swaziland. At present, two Israeli experts run a training farm there. (Photo-Emita)

STATE COMPTROLLER: Minister of Public Administration needed

By AARON SITNER
Jerusalem Post Reporter

State Comptroller I.B. Nebenzahl yesterday called for the establishment of a new Cabinet post, that of Minister of Public Administration.

Addressing the annual convention of the Israel Association of Organization and Systems Analysts in Jerusalem, Dr. Nebenzahl, who is also Ombudsman, said: "It is common knowledge that too many citizens receive shoddy treatment in their dealings with Government bureaus. The reason is not lack of administrative expertise on the part of our civil servants. The fault lies in the position set in the high echelons of the various ministries. There is too much emphasis on tangibles — a new building, a new company — but not enough on intangibles, such as proper and courteous treatment of the ordinary citizen."

To remedy this, Dr. Nebenzahl said, "there must be a person high up in Government — a minister who would be held accountable to the Knesset, and who would be responsible for giving the citizen the right treatment in Government offices." The Finance Minister, responsible for the Civil Service Commission, was too pre-occupied with economic matters, he said.

Dr. Nebenzahl gave his audience a most of them efficiency experts — some examples of official bungling and super-bureaucracy. He told the story of a handicapped boy who waited more than two years before being admitted to an institution because the Health and Social Welfare Ministries kept his parents' application going back and forth between them, each one claiming treatment was the other's responsibility. He also told of the citizen who, upon moving, lost the use of his phone for eight months because there were insufficient telephone lines available in the new neighborhood. Yet he was billed for phone service for the eight months. When he complained, the Communications Ministry told him, "You must pay the bills anyway... don't worry, we will credit you at some future time."

Civil Service Commission adviser Mordechai Wertheimer, convention chairman, added his own example, referred by a citizen. Upon discovering what he thought were price and short-weighting violations in some pilot he had bought, the man complained to the local office of the Ministry of Commerce and Industry. After a few months he received a memorandum advising him that the Ministry would look into the price violation. But as for the short-weighting complaint, he would have to go to the Health Ministry's Food Service Department since it involved bread.

The convention, sponsored by the Israel Productivity Institute as part of "Efficiency Week 5733," also heard papers by Arye Romal on "The Influence of the Computer on Administration," and Yeheskel Dror of the Rand Corporation, California, on "Strategies for Administrative Reform."

The Comptroller found a number of administrative shortcomings during the period under investigation, the majority of which had been corrected.

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Dan Sewerage planners say expert was uninformed
Jerusalem Post Reporter

TEL AVIV. — Dan Region Sewerage Union planners said here yesterday they were not sure South African water purification expert Norman Greenblau was thoroughly familiar with their project when he scored it on Wednesday.

Mr. Greenblau had said the recycled sewage water in the Rishon LeZion area would not be potable. It would taste foul and be likely to include harmful bacteria.

Union chairman Ellyahu Speizer told the Jerusalem Post Union experts were now reading press reports of Mr. Greenblau's statements. They were not sure that he was quoted correctly, he added.

He did not know on what precedent Mr. Greenblau had based his arguments, but he certainly had not spoken specifically of the programme which the Dan Region Sewerage Union planners had evolved. Mr. Speizer alleged. The sewage water in this case would seep into the ground and would not be re-used until three years later. It would then be treated chemically so no harmful bacteria would remain.

"If Mr. Greenblau has any information which our experts do not possess, we are always willing to learn. Our own chief expert is a South African as well," Mr. Speizer said.

YOUTH DIVISION COMPLAINS: Labour old guard keeps out the younger men

By MARK SEGAL
Jerusalem Post Political Reporter

TEL AVIV. — Bitter criticism of the way the veteran Labour Party establishment keeps out younger people was aired at a national council meeting of the party youth division here on Wednesday.

One proposal raised was to boycott the election campaign if a suitable quota was not accorded the youth on the party candidates' lists. (The party's women's division has already threatened to keep out of the election campaign unless it gets 25% of the places on the lists.)

Tel Aviv branch youth division Secretary Nathan Wallach said, "Only if someone up there likes him can a younger man get on." He quoted statistics to show that two-thirds of the Tel Aviv party branch secretariat (which chooses Knesset candidates, the Mayor and Town Councilors) belong to the 55-70 age group, with the below-35 bracket controlling only 10 per cent of the branch executive forums — although it has 80,000 members. The Labour Party Central Committee has 70 members under the age of 40, out of more than 800 members, "and they will have to wait another 15 years at least to get anywhere under the present system."

GLOOMY PICTURE
A gloomy picture was drawn by writer Michael Bar-Zohar, who claimed that under the existing setup paths of advancement were blocked to young men and the only way up was "not by distinguishing oneself but by crawling."

Dr. Bar-Zohar said the Appointments Committee, which chooses candidates, is "an utterly ugly invention." He suggested telling the leadership that if they wanted the youngsters to take an active part in the election campaign they should be accorded suitable representation. "Otherwise we will simply stay at home. We are a young people with an aging leadership."

Israel youth are in an inferior position politically compared to other democracies, where a 31-year-old minister is not unusual, the party's Tel Aviv election campaign information head, Yosef Sarid, deplored. The only way to effect change is by electoral reform, Mr. Sarid said. "This is inevitable for the Knesset electoral system and it should be implemented together with internal party election changes."

Women promised more places on Labour slates
Jerusalem Post Political Reporter

TEL AVIV. — The Labour Party will strive to give larger representation to women on its candidates' lists — but there is no question of any quota, as demanded by the women's division of the party.

This emerged from the Labour Party Leadership Bureau meeting yesterday which heard protests from a highly vocal delegation of women members on the question of their representation, or lack of it. They included division head Nava Arad, Histadrut salaried women's division head Aliza Tamir, Dvora Dotan, Esther Herlitz and Matilda Ghez, M.K. They conveyed to the leadership Bureau the division's threat to boycott the election campaign unless they get 25 per cent of all the places on candidates' lists.

They noted that there are only four Labour women M.K.s. (out of 48), including Premier Golda Meir; only one woman on the Alignment caucus of the Histadrut Central Committee, and few women on city councils.

Labour Party Secretary-General Aharon Yadin agreed they had a case, but there was no accepting the principle of a quota. Other groups which should benefit from more representation were youth and the Oriental communities, he said. It was decided to leave the details to the Leadership Bureau Secretariat.

Woman's body found in cesspool
Jerusalem Post Reporter

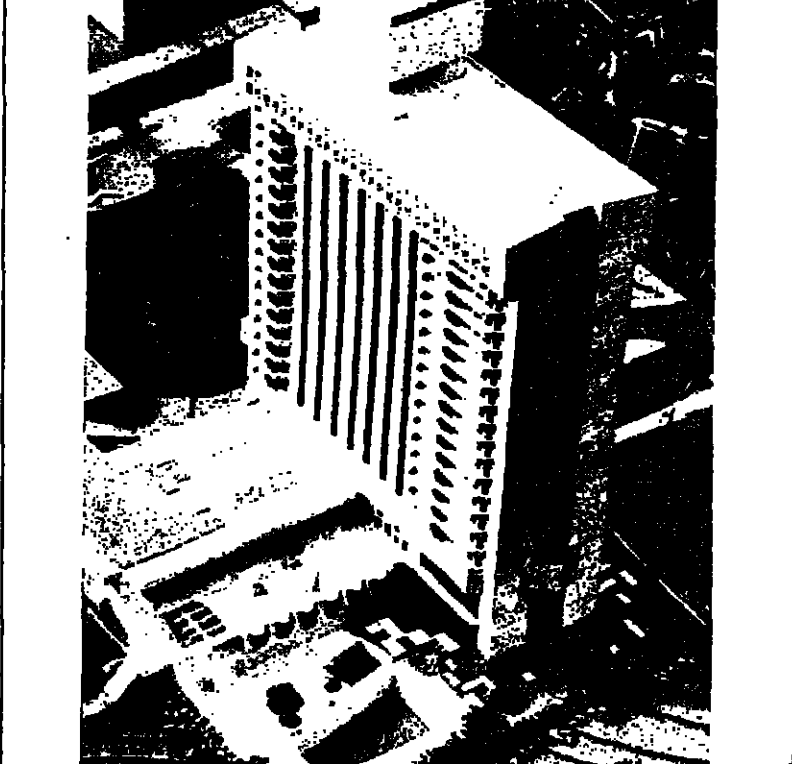
RAMAT GAN. — The decomposed body of a woman was found yesterday afternoon in a cesspool inside the fenced-in area of a local plant, opposite the stadium on Abba Hailal Street. A worker at the plant discovered the body, which was taken to the Institute for Forensic Medicine at Abu Kabir.

The spokesman for the Tel Aviv Police, Sgan-Nitzav Amos Aricha, told The Jerusalem Post that the body had not yet been identified and the police were investigating.

10,000 TELEPHONE TOKENS were allegedly found at a Technion student whom Haifa police say they caught emptying the token boxes of public telephones. The student is said to have had a master key to the boxes.

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Serious conflicts in testimony: Haldeman testifies; denies involvement

WASHINGTON (AP).—Former Presidential aide H.R. Haldeman yesterday denied any involvement in a Watergate cover-up but two senators said they weren't completely satisfied with Haldeman's testimony under oath.

President Nixon's former chief of staff spent nearly three hours testifying before the Intelligence Subcommittee of the Senate Appropriations Committee and told newsmen afterward:

"I can categorically state that in no way did I support, direct or participate in any cover-up of the Watergate operation."

Haldeman said he never asked the Central Intelligence Agency to participate and had "no intent or desire to impede or cover up the investigation" of the Watergate break-in of Democratic National Committee Headquarters.

But Senator John McClellan, Democrat—Arkansas, chairman of the subcommittee investigating CIA aspects of the Watergate scandal, said there were "serious conflicts" between the testimony of White House aides and top officials of the CIA and FBI.

The conflict, McClellan said, centers around a meeting at the White House last June 23 between Haldeman, Presidential adviser John D. Ehrlichman, CIA Director Richard Helms and Helms' deputy, Army Lt.-General Vernon A. Walters.

According to Haldeman and Ehrlichman, President Nixon asked them to call the meeting to find out if any covert CIA operations might be jeopardized by the FBI investigation into the Watergate affair.

Walters has testified that the White House aides told him to tell acting FBI Director L. Patrick Gray III that the FBI investigation might interfere with CIA operations. Haldeman and Ehrlichman denied that they attempted to impede Gray's investigation.

INCONSISTENCIES
Senator John Pastore, Democrat—Rhode Island, a member of the subcommittee, said he found "very glaring inconsistencies in the testimony (of the various officials) in important matters."

Gray has said that at the time of the meeting the FBI was probing the source of \$89,000 found in the bank account of one of the Watergate burglars. Agents had traced the money to Mexico and wanted to interview a Mexican lawyer and an American who was believed to have contributed the money to President Nixon's re-election campaign.

Pastore and McClellan said Haldeman's testimony indicated that his expressed concern at the meeting was not for the "Mexican connection" to the Watergate but for CIA involvement in the Bay of Pigs invasion of Cuba in 1961.

Pastore said, "Haldeman was a little elusive about the Mexican connection." But the concern about an 11-year-old Cuban operation was not made clear, the Senator said.

Several of the Watergate burglars had been involved in the Bay of Pigs, but the CIA chiefs have said

they insisted the CIA was not involved in the Watergate.

Walters has said that was made clear to Haldeman and Ehrlichman in the June meeting.

In Wednesday's Watergate developments, Ehrlichman blamed Walters for the CIA role in the Watergate cover-up.

And Ehrlichman said he can't recall asking for CIA assistance that E. Howard Hunt used in the 1971 burglary at the office of a psychiatrist who was treating Pentagon Papers defendant Daniel Ellsberg.

Meanwhile, the trial of former U.S. Attorney-General John Mitchell and former Commerce Secretary Maurice Stans with two other men in connection with a secret \$200,000 donation to President Nixon's re-election campaign is tentatively scheduled for September 11. Mitchell and Stans were indicted May 10 on charges of conspiracy.

Chess tourney: Reshevsky challenge

By ELIAHU SHAHAF
Jerusalem Post Chess Correspondent

NETANYA. — International Grandmaster Sammy Reshevsky of the U.S.A. closed on his patriotic Lubomir Kabalek in the lead of the International Chess Tournament here by defeating international master Helder Camara of Brazil in the fourth round. Reshevsky won his adjourned game against Malkiel Peretz. Kavalek moved only half a point forward, drawing his game with Yugoslavia's Mato Damjanovic.

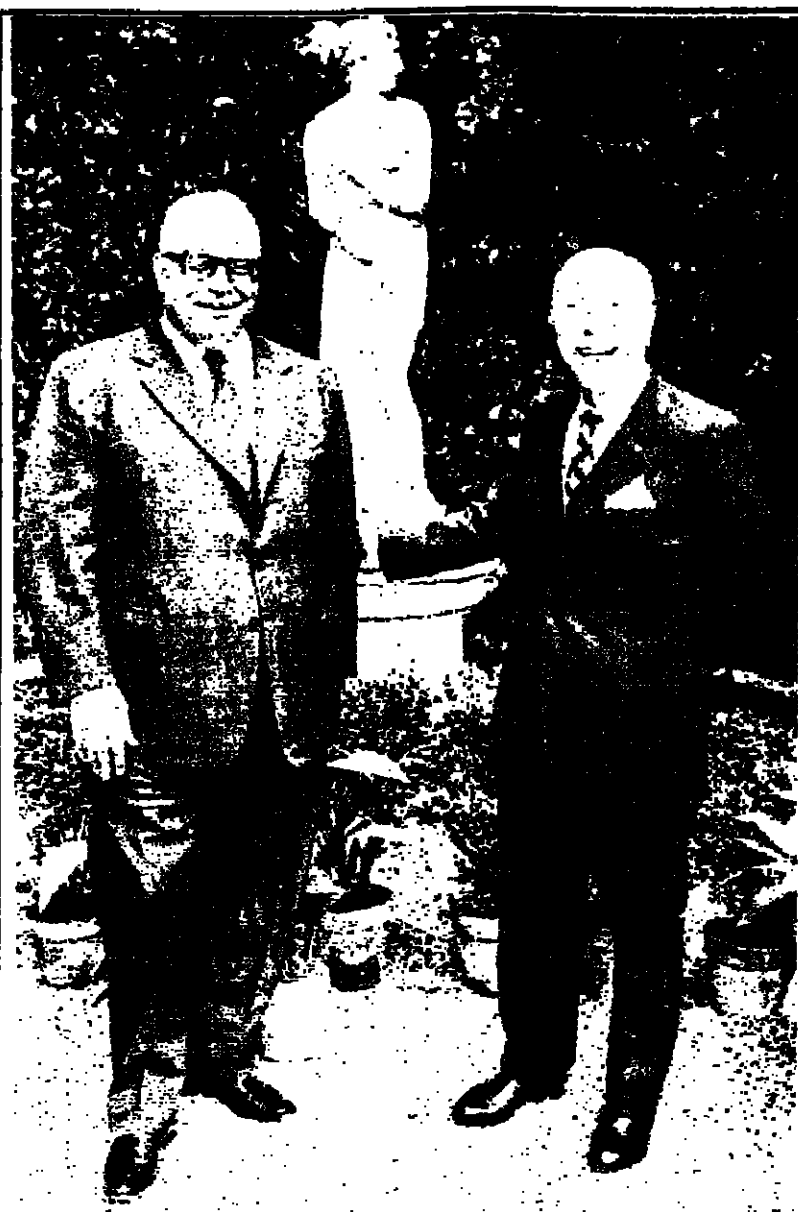
Shmuel Friedman, at 20 the youngest competitor in the event, added another point to his credit by beating Mel Rom, the only player who has yet to win a game. The Haifa master, who distinguished himself in the National Team Championships, suffered four defeats in succession. Moshe Czerniak lost two points on Wednesday. He lost to Kraidman in their adjourned third round game and to Camara in the fourth round.

The top level encounter between Grandmasters Luděk Pachman and Abe Yanofsky netted Pachman a full point. Three games were adjourned, but Yair Kraidman held a distinct advantage over Avraham Kaidor. A win in this game will put Kraidman among the leaders of the tournament.

Results of round III: Reshevsky beat Peretz, Damjanovic beat Rom, Kavalek beat Kaidor, Kraidman beat Czerniak, Tatai beat Domnitz, games between Saldy-Camara, Porat-Pachman and Yanofsky-Friedman were drawn. The twice adjourned Damjanovic-Yanofsky game was also drawn.

Overall standings after the fourth round: Kavalek 3½, Reshevsky, Pachman, Tatai and Damjanovic—3 points each, Friedman 2½, Kraidman 2(1), Yanofsky 2, Saldy 1½(1), Camara 1½, Domnitz and Kaidor 1(1), Czerniak 1, Porat and Peretz ½(1), Rom nil.

ACUPUNCTURE. — Austria's first acupuncture institute will be founded in Vienna shortly, the Health Ministry announced.



THREESOME — Egyptian Foreign Minister Mohammed Zayyat (left) and Italian Foreign Minister Giuseppe Medici pose on either side of a modest Roman lady. Zayyat stopped over in Rome on Wednesday on his way to London and New York. (AP radiophoto)

Columbian hijackers free half of hostages

ORANJESTAD, Aruba (AP). — Two young hijackers of a Colombian airliner released about half their hostage passengers yesterday, dropping their demands for the release of political prisoners but increased their money ransom to \$400,000 from \$200,000.

The aircraft sat at the airport here in a blazing sun with 44 passengers, 4 crew members and the 2 hijackers still reported on board.

A radio message from the pilot, Capt. Jorge Lucena, who felled a hijack attempt two years ago, to his airline headquarters in Medellin, Colombia, said the masked hijackers demanded a fresh crew, medicine, special oil for the four-engine turboprop Electra and charts of Central and South America.

These requests were seen as an indication that the hijackers were considering ordering the plane to fly somewhere else.

An attempt was made before dawn to fly the Electra to Lima, Peru. The aircraft was in the air for two hours, with the hijackers announcing Lima as the destination, but it landed again at Princess Beatrix Airport in Aruba because of problems with the propeller lubrication system.

The plane was hijacked Wednesday while on a domestic flight in Colombia. The hijackers first said they wanted the plane to fly to Cuba, and that the Colombian Government should free 140 leftists they said were held in jail. They also demanded \$200,000 in cash.

Early yesterday the Colombian Government in Bogota rejected all the demands "in order not to disrupt the constitutional and legal structure of the country."

Lucena then radioed Medellin that the Government's rejection made the two hijackers "quite furious." But he added: "Everything is normal at the plane and no incident developed with the hijackers."

Aboard the airliner when it was hijacked Wednesday were 89 persons, including the hijackers and crew.

Radio Vos de Aruba said the hijackers said they would go up \$50,000 an hour until paid their ransom.

Morocco charges 40 for plotting

CASABLANCA (UPI). — Some 40 persons were charged on Wednesday by the regional court with plotting against the state, destroying public buildings and attacking unidentified persons, sources close to the defence of the prisoners said yesterday.

Those charged were seized in 1972 during a wave of arrests in the Casablanca area.

U.S. rejects Libyan claims of aggression

UNITED NATIONS (AP). — The United States yesterday rejected Libyan charges that it seeks to provoke a confrontation in the Mediterranean and is plotting to cheat Libya out of its oil.

"We have every right to carry out flights in international air space over international waters," a spokesman of the American U.N. mission declared, commenting on a Libyan note circulating among Security Council members.

The spokesman accused Libya of resorting to "exercises in public rhetoric," because, he said, the U.S. has already replied to most of the issues raised.

The U.S. rejects Libya's claim to territorial airspace within a 100-mile radius of Tripoli, on the Mediterranean, as "inconsistent with international law," the spokesman said.

The Libyan note also charged that there is "an American plot to prevent Libyan people from exercising their right to conserve their natural resources and to undo the grip of the American monopolies..." This apparently referred to U.S. oil concessions in Libya which, the U.S. spokesman said, were established "in accordance with Libyan law."

Referring to military incidents, the spokesman said, an unarmed U.S. C-130 transport plane had been shot at by Libyan planes March 21. There has been no known contact between the two countries' forces since then, he said.

LIBYAN CHARGES

Libya charged that on March 21 a U.S. C-130 "spy plane" entered Libyan air space and was intercepted by the Libyan Air Force.

On April 30 a U.S. aircraft carrier based near the Libyan coast transmitted radar beams across the range of Libyan radar "in order to detect the movements and whereabouts of the Libyan Air Force and further to jam the Libyan radar."

At the same time, Libya complained, a wave of U.S. aircraft was launched from the carrier "to interfere with Libyan training flights in the area."

Libya said: "These two incidents have created a state of tension which may explode at any moment."

Palestinian memo protests treatment in Bonn jails

BEIRUT (UPI). — Palestinian organizations in Iraq yesterday appealed to a number of Arab heads of state to intervene to "save" Arabs detained in the West German jail of Stadelheim, the Iraqi news agency said.

The agency said a Palestinian political committee claimed that Arab prisoners in the jail near Munich and in other West German jails "were facing bad conditions."

The message also "exposed" the plotting of the Bonn government against Palestinians through financing settlement projects in Arab occupied territories and the military, political and financial support which the West German government gives to the Zionists, the agency said.

Riad says Lebanon returning to normal

DAMASCUS (Reuter). — Arab League Secretary-General Mahmoud Riad said here yesterday that the situation in Lebanon was returning to normal following the recent crisis with the terrorists.

He was speaking to reporters after arriving from Beirut where he had talks with President Suleiman Franjeh, senior Lebanese officials and terrorist leaders.

He also had talks with Sheikh al Sabah, the visiting Kuwaiti Foreign Minister, who arrived in Beirut yesterday after a 24-hour visit to Damascus.

Mr. Riad added that Lebanese officials had asked him to discuss with Syrian Government leaders the closure of the border with Lebanon.

Syria closed the border early this month during the clashes between the Lebanese army and Palestinian terrorists.

Riad said he would leave for Amman today "as part of the discussion on inter-Arab relations in general, notably revival of the Eastern Front (of Syria, Jordan and Iraq) and commando action."

Sheikh Sabah told reporters that during his meeting with Riad, he had discussed the situation in the area and the role of the Arab League.

Discussing efforts to re-open Syrian-Lebanon border, the minister said:

"I have been acquainted with officials' views on the situation. They consider that there are circumstances which, when met, will lead to the ending of the measures resulting from the situation."

In Beirut, terrorist sources reported that the Executive Committee of the Palestine Liberation Organization met yesterday for the first time in many days since the Lebanon situation.

The terrorist news agency said the committee discussed "violations" of the understanding reached with the Lebanese government May 17 and "took the appropriate measures."

Saudi threat to stop oil to 'enemies'

RIO DE JANEIRO (UPI). — Sheikh Omar al Sakaaf, Saudi Arabian Minister for Foreign Affairs, concluding a three-day visit to Brazil yesterday said: "We are not disposed to sell oil to our enemies."

The U.S., he said, has been helping the Israelis to "kill Arabs."

"We think there is a limit to the time we can produce and sell oil for countries who take such a stand."

"This limit we will define in the next few months, he said. "We are not in a hurry. We are patient like our horses and our camels."

During the sheikh's visit to Brazil, the two countries agreed to exchange ambassadors.

Nigeria war Israel about OAU 'advice'

LAGOS (Reuter). — Nigerian President Yakubu Gowon here Wednesday night, "I do not take our advice as a suggestion, it means they do not want our friendship."

He was answering a question on whether Nigeria would break off diplomatic relations with Israel in accordance with a decision of the Organization of African Unity if Israel failed to occupy Arab territory.

General Gowon was speaking at the airport on his return from Addis Ababa, Ethiopia, where he attended the OAU's 10th anniversary celebrations.

General Gowon, who is the first chairman of the OAU, said the first major problem for the OAU was the Middle East conflict and economic problems.

Growing Sino-Soviet hostility bodes ill for border talks

By K.O. THALER
LONDON (UPI). — The four-year-old Sino-Soviet border talks have resumed after a long recess, but Communist diplomats yesterday predicted a stalemate in view of deepening hostility between the two Communist giants.

While the border talks resumed in Peking, another set of Sino-Soviet talks, on border navigational differences, has been recessed without agreement.

The diplomats said Chinese suspicion of Russian policy in Asia was deepening almost daily. Peking believes that Moscow's frantic diplomatic peace offensive in Europe and the U.S. is to no small degree motivated by Kremlin plans to secure a free hand against China.

The Soviets have left little doubt they will not make concessions to China's claim to Russian territory along their 4,000 miles long border. "Small rectifications yes, major changes definitely not," an authoritative source said.

The Chinese say they are not claiming all the vast areas annexed by Tsarist Russia, but only those taken in excess of land grabs agreed to by Peking in the last century under the so-called "treaties."

But recent Chinese attacks on Russia for having changed names in one-time Chinese maps to Russian bode ill for any agreement, diplomats said. Among cities mentioned were Khabarovsk, Soviet industrial center in which China said had been from its original Chinese Khabarov, "a notorious agent against China in different."

PEKING CAMPAIGN:
The stepped-up Peking campaign against the Soviets, and against the present leader charging Moscow with a cc military build-up along the border. It also accused Russians of pillaging the fishery resources by extending limits of their territorial and sending their fishing fleet to the Pacific, Atlantic and Oceans. It furthermore charged Soviet Party Secretary Leonid Brezhnev's plans to improve the life of the Soviet people in fraud.

Latest reports from Peking show a steady flow of Soviet troops moving toward the Chinese borders and the Sberian railway is working city to cope with the military movements.

Soviet sources, worried and anxious to reach an action with China, but all approaches have been rebuffed, said Peking is trying to Moscow's attempts to organize collective security arrangements in the Far East.

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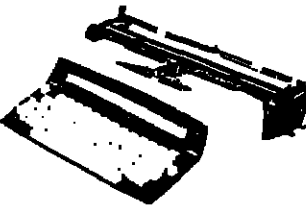
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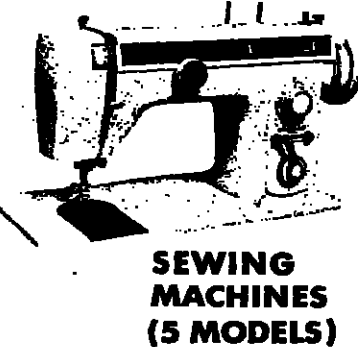


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Energy failure forces Skylab to cancel tests

(UPI) — The Skylab hand along the disabled solar panel and use a crowbar to remove debris that has kept it from extending into operating position. The debris is from a thermal shield that disintegrated when the laboratory was launched.

The astronauts slept in their small bedrooms aboard the orbiting station and Conrad told ground controllers, "we had a good night's sleep. I think we're getting used to sleeping up here."

Flight Director Neil Hutchinson said that despite the problems aboard the 100-ton Skylab, he was pleased with its progress and confidence of a successful mission.

"That's a tremendously big vehicle," he said. "We have had no more anomalies than I would expect for that size of vehicle."

Operation of the Skylab's solar telescope has been very successful, he said. Television pictures taken through the telescope showed flames streaming 3 km. out from the surface of the sun.

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Pig confirms student verdict on food

COLOGNE, West Germany (Reuter) — Cologne University students claimed food at their canteen was not fit for pigs.

To prove it, they brought a pig to the canteen lunch. The pig merely grunted and did not touch the food, they reported.

GRENADES. — Builders found 2,500 British grenades while working on a building site near Lille, France through which a trench had run during World War II.

dianapolis 500 ends with 1 dead, 2 injured

OLIS, Indiana (UPI) — hcock of Franklin, In- the tragedy stricken, d Indianapolis 500-mile day, leading the field race was stopped by rain miles.

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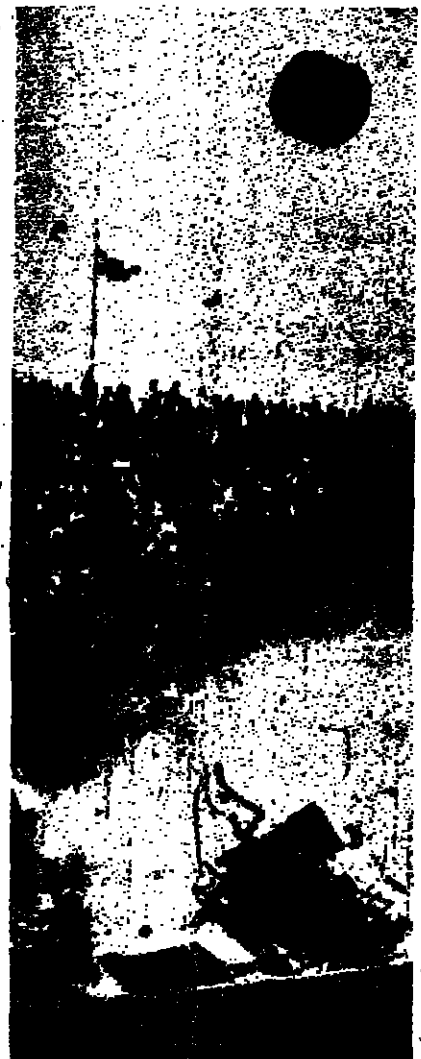
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mission head Cairo resigns

FTI) — Joseph Greene, he U.S. diplomatic mis- sion, has submitted his mission announced

sion said Mr. Greene will the U.S. in June to retire foreign service and take on with Yale University.

53, took over as head S. mission in Cairo in 1972, replacing Donald



Swede Savage (lower left) and parts of his car flying down track at Indianapolis Motor Speedway during spectacular crash and explosion in the 57th running of the Indianapolis 500-mile race. (AP radiophoto)

Hussein won't join new war until he sees 50% chance of victory

BEIRUT (UPI) — A document attributed by the Beirut press to King Hussein of Jordan yesterday warned that an Arab war with Israel at the present time "would be premature." It said Jordan would not take part in any such war unless the chances of winning were at least 50-50.

Two Beirut newspapers — the French language "L'Orient-Le Jour" and the Arabic pro-Syrian "Al-Sharq" — published what they said was the text of a secret order of the day issued by King Hussein to his army officers May 18.

In the document, the King outlined Jordan's position on major facets of the Arab confrontation with Israel and spelled out the reasoning behind his attitudes.

"It is clear today that the Arab nations are preparing for a new war," the King said in the purported document. "It pains me to say that if such a thing took place, the battle would be premature, as much from the point of view of the state of preparation of the Arab armies as from their potentialities."

"What is pushing the Arab nations towards the precipice is that they are prisoners of positions adopted and overstated by most of their chiefs of state," he said.

The document said it was a question of arithmetic — "we must compare what we have with the Israeli possibilities."

"Let all our brothers know that so long as figures and documents do not offer a 50-50 chance of beating Israel... we will not take part naively, or under impulse, in a war that we consider only as a final resort to save our land and our people," the document said.

OIL BLACKMAIL

The document contained these other main declarations of policy:

- An Arab campaign to withhold oil from the U.S. or use oil money to disrupt the American economy would only alienate the U.S. "which, whether we like it or not, remains one of the principal forces on the world level."
- It also would lead to "support for Israel on an unprecedented scale by the U.S. and other countries."
- Jordan has no intention of going along with Arab de-

mands to sever links with the Israeli-administered West Bank.

- Jordan will "never again" permit the Palestinian terrorists to resume activities in Jordan, from which King Hussein's army evicted them in 1970.
- Jordan will not accede to Arab demands to station troops from other Arab states on its soil — with the sole exception of Saudi Arabian troops which are already in Jordan. The document said that to do so before the Jordanian force were in a position to insure the defence of Jordan "would mean the immediate loss of our country."

In the document the King purportedly criticized Egypt for failing to keep him properly informed during the 1967 war and allowing other Arab states to cut off economic subsidies to Jordan after he evicted the terrorists.

He said the Arab states made a big mistake after the 1967 war in declaring "no peace, no recognition and no negotiations" with Israel.

There was no immediate official comment in Amman on the publication of the document.

Communist tank assault; Viet truce panel paralysed

SAIGON. — The International Peacekeeping Organization was completely paralysed yesterday as reports came in of the first Communist tank assault in Vietnam since the cease-fire was proclaimed more than four months ago. The assault raised fears of a new offensive against the northern city of Hue, former Imperial capital of Vietnam.

The deadlocked International Commission of Control and Supervision (ICCS) — made up of Canada, Hungary, Indonesia and Poland — suspended all regular meetings of delegation chiefs and thus brought its work to a standstill.

The Hungarians declared there can be no investigation of alleged ceasefire violations unless all four ICCS members agree to participate. Ambassador Michael Gauvin, Canada's delegation chief, demanded an investigation be conducted and action taken on its findings if any ICCS member requests it.

The 10-day hiatus over the issue came to a head yesterday with Gauvin announcing he will assume chairmanship of the ICCS for June as scheduled but will call no further meetings until the deadlock is broken.

If the Hungarian position is confirmed, it could turn the ICCS into a group that investigates only allegations of South Vietnamese violations and consequently lose all credibility.

Efforts to investigate alleged North Vietnamese and Vietcong violations could be promptly vetoed by the two Communist ICCS members. Canada already has announced it is withdrawing from the ICCS July 31 or earlier if a replacement is found.

REPLACING CANADA

Brazil and Norway are among likely candidates to replace Canada on the four-member ICCS in South Vietnam, informed sources said yesterday.

Sources said that other countries had been suggested as possible choices, but Norway and Brazil had been mentioned most frequently because of their previous experience with U.N. peace-keeping missions.

Sources said that although Canada's withdrawal was disappointing and was regretted here, it would not immobilize the truce commission's operations.

In the original cease-fire agreement signed in Paris, the U.S. and South Vietnam chose Canada and Indonesia for the commission while North Vietnam and the Vietcong selected Poland and Hungary.

Sources said that although the agreement calls for all four parties to the agreement to pick a replacement in East Washington and Saigon would probably make the initial choice. (AP, Reuter)

HEAVY FIGHTING

The Communist tank attack on an infantry position 29 kms. southwest of the old Imperial capital was beaten off Wednesday with artillery support, according to the Saigon Government communique.

One tank was reported destroyed and 15 Communist soldiers killed in the fighting. One Government soldier was listed as wounded.

The position, held by less than a battalion of Government troops, lies close to the old U.S. Airborne Bastogne Firebase.

American sources report at least one Government position has been given up but no announcement of this has been made by the Saigon command.

In the southern Mekong Delta

Miss Asia won by India, Israeli second

MANILA (AP) — Tara Anna Fonseca of India won the 1973 Miss Asia contest here yesterday.

The first runner-up was Nehama Foss of Israel and an early favorite. Other runners-up were Lily Herawati Soendoro of Indonesia, Chung Kumok of South Korea and Australia's Deborah Seacombe.

Each was awarded a cash prize of 2,500 pesos (about \$1,500) and a tour of Asia.

Miss Fonseca will receive the cash prize of about \$117,000 and a tour of Asia, including a six-week visit to Australia.

A crowd of 10,000 witnessed the finals and coronation ceremony in Manila's Rizal Memorial Coliseum. Miss Fonseca was crowned and cloaked by last year's Miss Asia, Australia's Miss Janet Coutts.

Protestant elected President of Ireland

DUBLIN (UPI) — Erskine Childers became the second Protestant President of the Roman Catholic Irish Republic yesterday. With only one constituency still outstanding, the 68-year-old English-born Childers had a 46,816 majority over his Catholic opponent, 56-year-old Tom O'Higgins.

The popular vote was Childers 612,933 against 566,117 for O'Higgins. A recount has been called in the last constituency and the result, which would not affect the overall standing of the candidates, is not expected until late.

Childers, who had watched his majority mount steadily through the day at his Dublin home, said: "I am deeply honoured and humbled at this magnificent gesture by the Irish people."

Political sources said Childers' victory was a dramatic gesture of reconciliation toward Northern Ireland.

Childers said one of his first tasks as President would be to ask the Government's consent to invite representatives of the two communities in Northern Ireland to meet him.

"I would invite them to visit me so that we could explore common ground," he said. "I will do anything, just anything, to help in that situation."

Only 55 per cent of the Republic's 1.9 million registered voters came out in Wednesday's election to elect a successor to 91-year-old President Eamon de Valera, who plans to retire to an old folks' home next month after 14 years in office.

Childers, who will become the fourth President of the Republic, was the second Protestant to occupy the nation's highest office.

The Republic's first President, Douglas Hyde, was nominated to the post in 1937 without opposition and held it for one term of seven years.

Childers' election triumph was hailed by former Premier Jack Lynch's Fianna Fail Party as a "clearest vote of no confidence" in Premier Liam Cosgrave's newly-elected Coalition Government.

"There is no other conclusion," said Senator Brian Lenihan, who masterminded Childers' election campaign.

The Irish Presidency is a figure-head role above party politics.

Record turnout in Ulster

BELFAST (UPI) — Britain's administrator for Northern Ireland yesterday hailed a record high turnout in the province's local elections as a substantial step toward peace and a defeat for the Irish Republican Army.

Speaking at a press centre near the heavily-guarded building where ballots were being counted, Northern Ireland Secretary William Whitelaw said, "It shows the people prefer the ballot box to the bomb."

Whitelaw said the turnout for the election — officials said 80 to 70 per cent of qualified voters cast ballots — was a "substantial step" toward ending the strife among minority Roman Catholics, majority Protestants and British forces which had claimed 806 lives in almost four years.

The IRA had urged a boycott of the polls.

Whitelaw conceded there was violence during the balloting for 528 new local councils — several bomb and shooting attacks occurred, some near polling stations.

"But it was small-scale — the likelihood was taken by the ordinary person who voted quietly and without trouble," he said.

British officials said they were hopeful the new proportional representation system under which the elections were held would have the intended effect — giving a say in politics to all sectors of the public, especially the Catholic minority.

Heavy contingents of troops and police guarded Dundonald House, the ballot-counting centre.

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N. Yemen says Sheikh killed by left-wing elements

SAN'A (Reuter) — An official statement issued here has indirectly accused left-wing elements of assassinating Sheikh Mohammed Ali Othman, member of the three-man Presidential Council, who died on Wednesday in a hall of basooka and machinegun fire outside his house in Taiz, the twin Yemeni capital.

The statement was issued after a joint session by the (North) Yemen Arab Republic's Presidential Council and the cabinet in Taiz following the attack on Sheikh Othman, who was killed instantly along with his driver. The assassins managed to escape.

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**New bill to aid
World War
invalids**

Jerusalem Post Knesset Reporter
Gahal M.K. Zvi Zimmerman presented to the Knesset on Wednesday a private members' bill (amendment to the Invalids of Nazi Persecutions Bill) which would reduce, though not end, the financial discrimination against invalids who got their disability pensions from the Israel Government, rather than the West German Government. The bill was moved to Committee with Government consent.

Mr. Zimmerman said that invalids who came here from Germany after April 1957 and got their pensions direct from Bonn received about four times more than invalids who came here before that date and were paid by the Treasury in Jerusalem.

He did not insist on equalizing the two levels of pensions — from Bonn and Jerusalem. Instead, Mr. Zimmerman said, the invalids who were disabled in the Nazi concentration camps should get the same pensions from the Treasury as invalids disabled while fighting for the partisans or in the ghettos. (These combatants' pensions are about half-way between the two levels.)

Replying, Deputy Finance Minister Zvi Dinstein said that the Finance Committee was considering a proposal to raise current pensions for invalids of the camps by about 25 per cent. But he said the Treasury could not afford to pay the compromise proposal which Mr. Zimmerman wanted.

**Speaker requested
sale of coins**

Jerusalem Post Knesset Reporter
Yitzhak Avni, the director of the Government Coins and Medals Corporation, said on Monday that the Corporation's decision to sell the 25th anniversary medal to Knesset Members was taken after a special application from Speaker Yisrael Yeshayahu. "We did not consider this as showing preference," he told the Knesset Economic Committee.

Mr. Avni said that the Corporation's policy was to sell 75 per cent of each medal issue to regular subscribers, and the rest to dealers and banks. This year's IL\$5m. profit was three times bigger than the profit earned by the Corporation last year, he revealed. The Corporation has 15,000 subscribers in Israel and 30,000 abroad, he said.

Mr. Avni predicted that the market price of the 25th anniversary medal would fall considerably from its present high, once all the issue had been distributed. He told the Committee in reply to a question that 500 medals from each issue were handed over to the Bank of Israel, to be distributed as gifts to various personalities according to the Bank's discretion.

(Four M.K.s have decided not to buy the controversial 25th anniversary issue: Eliezer Shostak, Shmuel Tamir from the Free Centre, Yigal Horowitz from the State List, and Uri Avneri of Ha'Olam Hazeh.)

**'Modern Noah's
Ark' in Eilat**

Jerusalem Post Reporter
EILAT. — A modern Noah's Ark carrying 15 zebras, 13 giraffes and some 40 antelopes from Africa is due here Sunday.

The animals are destined for the National Park Zoo in Ramat Gan, but they will first spend 60 days in Wadi Chelono near here in the new quarantine station set up by the Zoo in conjunction with the Nature Reserves Authority.

Known as the "Quarantine Palace," the station comprises two large buildings containing separate stalls for the animals. The veterinary staff will check them for the 60 days, which is the maximum incubation period for any disease they may have.



Indian dancer and choreographer Shai who is to give a recital at the Israel Museum in Jerusalem on Monday.

**Moses revisits
Red Sea
— for TV**

By SHEILA MELTZER

Jerusalem Post Reporter
EILAT. Filming of a TV series on Moses is to begin here in September. Titled "The Lawmaker," the film is an Italian-English-American co-production by RAI, ITV and CBS in co-operation with the Israel Film Studios, Herzliya.

Burt Lancaster will play Moses, while his son, Burt Lancaster Jr., will be Moses as a young man, and Anthony Quayle is to be Aaron.

Using Moshe Perlmutter's recently published "In the Footsteps of Moses" to help in finding locations, Art Director Pier Luigi Basile was in Eilat last week together with Israeli composer Dudi Seltzer, who is to work on the music. Basile said that the idea of the film came to Vittorio Bonicelli after he had finished writing the script for the "Garden of the Finzi-Cortini."

Bonicelli will be writing the script for "The Lawmaker" together with Anthony Burgess (author and scriptwriter of "The Clockwork Orange") using the Biblical story to reflect modern life. They will combine the use of "Biblical and Shakespearean language with living language," he says. The producer is Vincenzo La Bella and the director is Gianfranco de Bosio. The 60 hours of filming are scheduled to start at the end of August in Jericho and come to Eilat in September, remaining there for two and a half months.



Two valuable sculptures disappeared recently from behind a C art gallery, apparently taken by a scavenger who thought the junk. The sculptures, similar to that in photo at left, were by York artist John Chamberlain. Chicago gallery owner Walter (right) said he placed the sculptures outside his studio for a "They are worth about \$20,000. Some guy probably looked at and said 'Hey, here's \$10 worth of scrap, I'll take it.' I a about the incident," Kelly said.

Liveliness above al

The Chamber Choir of the Rubin Academy, Jerusalem, directed by Stanley Sperber, will perform at the Israel Museum, May 27. Settings by Beethoven, Brahms, Schubert, Schumann, Tchaikovsky, and others. Israeli Songs: Vaughan Williams, Gershwin.



STANLEY Sperber's inspiring personality continues to sustain the chamber choir, which remains fresh and rather unsophisticated. Sperber apparently prefers to keep pleasure in singing alive than achieve highly polished, but dead, performances. The active participation of his choir members bears out the soundness of this attitude.

The group has attracted more outsiders than actual students of the Academy, and it at times it seems like an American glee-club concert, the young overseas students can hardly be blamed for that. The programme contains a good mixture of everything, with the accent on Barber and Vaughan Williams, and three Israeli settings repeated unvaryingly (Molodeti, arranged by Rothmuller, Orcha Bamidbar by Zahavi, and Hora by Lavry).

The idea of breaking up a choir recital by introducing chamber music

in the middle is acceptable, the choice is open to a Schubert's "Shepherd on the lyre" rather over-performed, a "Prelude" for Piano completely out of context. Axelrod, a choir soloist, herself coping with the difficulty of the vocal lines. Eliezer performed his clarinet part fully, and Karen Spiegel, a reliable pianist, Gershwin Ste to create some atmosphere Partos piece.

Disciplined newcomer

Recital by Philip Hirschhorn, violin and Yashua Zak, piano. (Tel Aviv Museum, May 25). Beethoven: Sonatas No. 1 in D Major op. 13, and No. 4 in A minor op. 10, 2. Prokofiev: Five Muzes; Brahms: Sonata No. 3 in D minor op. 102.

It was interesting to listen to Philip Hirschhorn, who in one respect is completely different to most of the artists arriving from the U.S.S.R. — he has discipline. He allows himself no deviation from good taste and from what the character of the music requires. He does not indulge in personal escapades, nor in any eccentric subjectivism. Musical form seems to dominate his whole attitude. Every phrase is perfectly formed and integrated into the general sequence of musical ideas.

The two Beethoven Sonatas were solid and technically flawless. Despite all this Hirschhorn was unable to counterbalance the formal perfection with meaningful musical

content. His playing was indifferent and sometimes superficial. It was not by inner conviction. When the Sonatas was Yonathana piano part, which reflect intriguing sense of musical permutation and However, what seemed coming in Hirschhorn's Be became a blessing in B: Brahms' music, especially chamber music, often became outlet for over-heated emotion thus making many perform simply an ordeal. Here artist, who understood the music. There was no trace of romantic expression or pathos. Hirschhorn restored Bra his proper and much decorous position. The res surprising Brahms seem able to counterbalance the formal natural and noble. BENJAMIN

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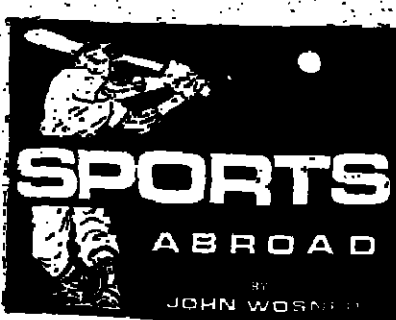


Ajax wins third crown

Amsterdam crowned themselves kings of European Club football as they won their third successive title by beating Juventus in the European Cup final on Wednesday. (Briefly reprinted from yesterday's Post).

Jax, the first club to win three times in succession, defeated the Italian side 2-0 in Wednesday's final. Little surprise, as the Dutch side, who had won the trophy in 1959 and 1960, showed little sign of rust.

Grabbed a fourth minute goal, Ajax's forward line, led by 26-year-old striker, and were content to lead during the first half. The often scrappy match came when West German forward Horst Hrastich, who had been overhauled down the cross and Rep rose above his defenders to head



Ajax of Amsterdam defeated Juventus in the European Cup final on Wednesday night. (AP radiophoto)

on by a capacity 100,000. The champions completely dominated the first half with their attacking football. Striker Cruyff hit the near post, Rep and full-back Wijn tested goalkeeper Dino Zoff. He never really found the net, although Roberto Betegh, 000 striker Pietro Anastasi up in flashes.

Alans came out much more in the second half and defence looked shaky. But Juventus could not equalize, despite on West German world ran Helmut Haller in the

ill now meet the winners fourth American champion-off between Colo Colo of 1 Independiente of Argentina, defence of their World

BASEBALL

N, which already has the is and Beans attached to the "Boston Bump" and ton Beans" to the list. Red Sox scored a 2-1 over California Wednesday a brawl-filled game.

Violent American League Minnesota shut out Milwaukee 4-0; Detroit slugged Chicago 4-1; San Francisco beat New York 3-2; St. Louis beat Atlanta 4-2, and took the first game of a series from San Diego 4-2.

In fifth inning, California's all-gathered batted into catcher Carlton Fisk and ngs later the two players chest to chest near the onle. That meeting prompted igs and belligerence to the field.

order was restored, the chers took matters into hands by throwing base- other people's heads. Luis

Tiant threw one ball behind Gallagher's head in the top of the seventh and Angel pitcher Clyde Wright threw one over Danny Carter in the bottom of the inning.

More importantly, in the seventh, Boston's Dwight Evans unloaded his second homer of the year to snap a 1-1 tie.

In Milwaukee, Bobby Darwin's three-run homer and Bill Hands' four-hk combined to give the Twins the victory over the Brewers.

Aurelio Rodriguez' two-run homer capped a four-run sixth inning that carried the Tigers over the White Sox.

BASEBALL STANDINGS				
AMERICAN LEAGUE				
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EAST				
Detroit	25	20	.556	—
New York	24	22	.522	1 1/2
Baltimore	23	23	.500	2 1/2
Seattle	22	24	.479	3 1/2
Cleveland	20	26	.435	5 1/2
Minnesota	19	27	.413	6 1/2
WEST				
Chicago	24	15	.615	—
Los Angeles	24	19	.558	3
California	23	20	.535	4
Kansas City	22	21	.512	5
Oakland	22	24	.479	6
Texas	14	28	.333	12 1/2
NATIONAL LEAGUE				
	W	L	Pct.	GB
EAST				
Chicago	25	19	.568	—
Pittsburgh	24	20	.548	1
New York	21	23	.479	4
Montreal	19	21	.475	5 1/2
St. Louis	19	24	.442	8 1/2
Philadelphia	19	27	.413	9 1/2
WEST				
San Francisco	22	20	.524	—
Los Angeles	20	19	.512	1 1/2
Houston	22	21	.512	2
Cincinnati	20	21	.485	3 1/2
Atlanta	18	22	.450	5 1/2
San Diego	16	23	.413	7 1/2

EMPIRES FALL, ISRAEL FOREVER

By Shalom Cohen

YES, listeners, this is your radio commentator speaking to you in Israel all the way from Albania. Friends, the plan is working out. All credit to our boys. We're now in the second half and the score stands at, right, first time, 0-0. It's been a great game, ding-dong, with some great unlucky moves by our side. The flags are flying, the stadium here is jam-packed and the crowd gave our boys a great welcome.

That was an Albanian roar you just heard. Right now the ball is in midfield, and at 0-1 it's anybody's game. Primo to Rosen, Rosen to Borba, Borba to Shum, Shum to Borba, Borba to Rosen. A lovely move. The others now have the ball.

Did I tell you about the national anthems before the kickoff? It was great. For our boys here it's a shikshat, a national mission. It's not just — Omana to Spiegler, Spiegler to Oz, Oz to Spiegler, Spiegler to Oz, Oz to Gindin. Great! Great save by Wissoker! As I was saying — the others have the ball — it's hats off to our boys, considering their tiredness. No sir, it didn't stop them from visiting all the historical night spots last night. This soccer referee has given the other side a most favourable free-kick. Well, he's, the less said, the better. These Albanian players are jumping and hugging like I don't know what.

Lacklustre

Frankly, it's a lacklustre game. No tension. Hey! The ball is in the Albanian half. Borba — Shum — Borba — Shum — Borba — Shum. Some Albanian is pottering with the ball, so I'll use the time to put you all in the picture. It's clear, our boys are using the tactical defensive attack plan. When that roar from the antagonistic crowd shuts up I'll continue. Considering the conditions, it was probably —

Spiegler to Oz, Oz back to Borba, Borba back to Oz, Oz back to Rosen — great, great, Wissoker! The score, for late listeners, has hardly changed since the last two goals. Wait! The ball is in the Albanian half again! Do I detect a developing move? Oz to Shlager, to Shum, to Oz, to Shum — What nerve! One of our boys is prostrate.

Jail terms for pair who mugged old man

HAIFA — Two men who beat up an 82-year-old man and robbed him of IL90 last February were sentenced to 30 months and two years imprisonment respectively by the District Court here yesterday.

The two, Eliezer Eliaz, 21, of Haifa, and Albert Eliaz, 22, of Ma'alot, had broken into the home of Mr. Ya'acov Baumgarten, of the Kiryat Haim ma'abara. After a beating, he surrendered his wallet containing IL90. (THM)

on the ground, injured! Can't see who. It's one of them. Relax. They're bringing over a stretcher. Well, how should I say, a little exaggerated? Friends, they sure are desperate to gain time. What is with this ref? Between ourselves — it's the old story of our history. We can only depend on ourselves. That's how we got the State, and that's how we stood up to five enemy armies. If we don't stick — hold it, the ball is back in the Albanian half. It's ding-dong. Oz — Spiegler — Shum — Borba — Oz — Shum — Oz — Borba.

Humdrum

It's a humdrum sort of game. The others are now hoarding the ball. About the anthem. I've heard it played better. Still, it was a thrilling moment for all of us here. It made you remember our unparalleled achievements, in industry, housing, absorption, milk yields, the number of cars. As I surveyed the sea of hostile faces I confess I wondered how many of them realised that we expanded our exports from nothing to an

unprecedented level — the figure escapes me just now. If you take — Oz has got the ball, to Shum, to Rosen, Shum, Rosen, Shum, Rosen — this sluggish game is waking up — to Shum, to Rosen. You can almost hear the silence of this hostile crowd. Our boys are full of surprises, and you can bet they're holding back the miracles. Goodness! If that wasn't a foul right in front of our goal, then I... Never mind, friends, between ourselves, our tiny nation has overcome bigger challenges than this ref. Did you see what I saw? He's already looking at his watch, at 0-1.

The ball is now with the others. In a nutshell, this game has deteriorated into a free-for-all. Hey! Spiegler's snatched the

ball — it looks like a big attack is shaping up. Our boys, by the way, are dressed in a nice white, with the slightest hint of a blue trimming. Hold it — the ball is back with us. Gee! Oz and Shum are streaking with the ball in the direction of the Albanian goal. Friends, the big attack is on. Did you hear that? The whistle! Coincidence? Not for me to say.

Well, listeners, it's been a good workout for our boys. Little in it either way, and as they say, the ball is round. We'll soon be returning you to the studio in Jerusalem for the news. The scene now, as I see it: green field, blue sky but sort of nondescript. The noise you hear is the crowd cheering our magnificent players.

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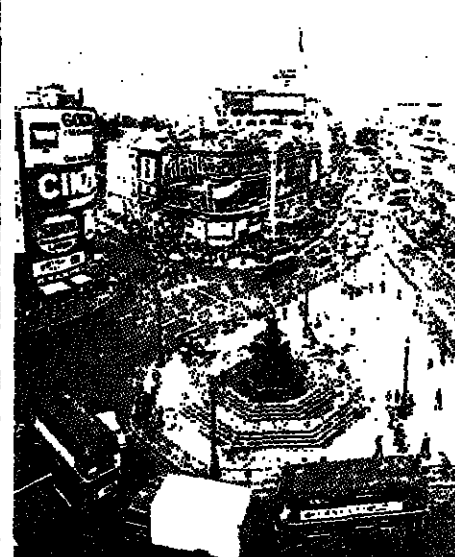
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Unfair competition

By Ephraim Kishon

Lately I have noticed an alarming biological phenomenon: I keep shrinking. This in fact is fairly common with intellectuals past 40, but I myself am losing height at an unprecedented rate. Ever since my creation, I used to be considered a tall person, particularly towering during the winter, so that I had become accustomed to the comfortable status quo of talking down to most of my fellowmen. For the past six months, however, I have been amidegetting at the rate of an inch a month.

Up to the present year, I knew for instance with absolute certainty, that if I looked straight ahead, while slouching comfortably, I could just about see the top of my little wife's hairdo as she stood facing me. In January of this year, my glance for the first time met her forehead, by March we stood eyeball to eyeball, and since April, I am at the height of her chin. For July, the forecast is that I would be skipping under her lifted arms like a frolicsome kid, a most unpleasant thought, especially if one considers our common offspring.

"Darling," I remarked quite a number of times, "how about not buying those goddamned shoes?" "Nothing doing," the wife retorted. "They are the fashion now."

Shoe mafia

This was no comfort at all to me, that I had to become a midget and less, because of the newest decision of the international shoe manufacturers' mafia to raise the heels and shoes of the world's female population in direct proportion to the dollar's devaluation. When my wife walks next to me in the street in her maxi, no one sees the platform, conceded by the skirt, all people see is a woman as tall as a cedar of Lebanon and next to her, a bespectacled gnome. Whenever I spot myself in the mirror, I become depressed. And I avoid going out with the wife at dusk, because then I see our shadows on the sidewalks.

The wife, on the other hand, is in high spirits. "This is childish," she remarks. "Simply an inferiority complex." Of course, it is an inferiority complex. Why shouldn't there be an inferiority complex if a man of my stature has to respect his wife all the time just because she is taller than he? What upsets me particularly, is that the former little woman demonstratively bends her head whenever we pass under quite ordinary doorways. Her latest elevator shoes of nondescript colour are 7 inches high in the shade.

And the process continues unabated. In the not so distant past, one spoke of a steak as tough as leather, nowadays one could easily house a whole cow in a shoe. The latest model of the international shoe gang was released in Zurich and is 10 inches tall. How can you match that with natural growth?

Even the general picture of the street has radically changed, if you don't believe it, kindly just look around you. The city's squares are swarming with giant Amazons as tall as the Tower of Babel, with the midget males of the species carefully avoiding to be squashed underfoot. Distaff Gullivers among the Lilliputians, that's the impression you get. The situation is more or less tolerable in restaurants where, while sitting, the women still hold their traditional position in our society but once they get up to leave, they go on and on...

Towering wives

By nature, my neighbour Felix Selig is about a head taller than his wife Edna. Or rather, that was the situation until now. The other day I spotted Edna shouting out through the door: "Felix, where are you?"

He was standing right in front of her. On half-inch soles. These days, Felix has to jump up and down to be noticed by his spouse. It is very difficult to get used to these new proportions, very difficult indeed. When our towering wives climb down at home from their soaring shoes, it looks as if they were bending their knees. Last night I watched my wife going down to half-mast, wondering whether she had any legs left, or was it all shoes? But she feels literally up in the clouds.

"This," my basketballer says, "is real women's lib."

To the best of my knowledge, women's lib is striving only for equality. But how can you keep a balance of power with one party entrenched on top of a mountain and the other cowering down in the valley. Lately, I have been resorting to desperate measures. Whenever a quarrel breaks out at home, I quickly jump on a chair and carry on the argument from there, as befitting an egalitarian society. Secretly I also train walking on stilts. I can already stand on them. I shall yet get the upper hand of these Gullivers.

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VIV STOCKS

Shemen tops market

TV. — Shemen was the star of yesterday's market, climbing from 140 to 155 with 158,000 shares. The market was slightly higher than the previous day, with the general index rising by 0.23 per cent to 233.23.

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Volume leader was Disinvest, unchanged at 275. On Sunday and Monday Investment issues its conditions were low in other issues.

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Trading stays sluggish

NEW YORK (AP). — Stock market prices remained slightly lower yesterday after recovering from steeper earlier losses. Declines outlasted advances on the New York stock exchange by about nine to four.

Analysts said the partial recovery later in the day was the result of bargain hunting. They noted that the Dow Jones industrial stocks index had lost some 22 points over the previous two sessions.

In the news background, the government reported that factory orders had declined in April for the first time in six months. A few days ago it said its index of leading economic indicators was down for the first time in two and a half years.

Trading remained sluggish, following the pattern set earlier in the week. The market fell back again in the final half hour and the Dow Jones average of 30 industrial closed down 7.46 at 901.41.

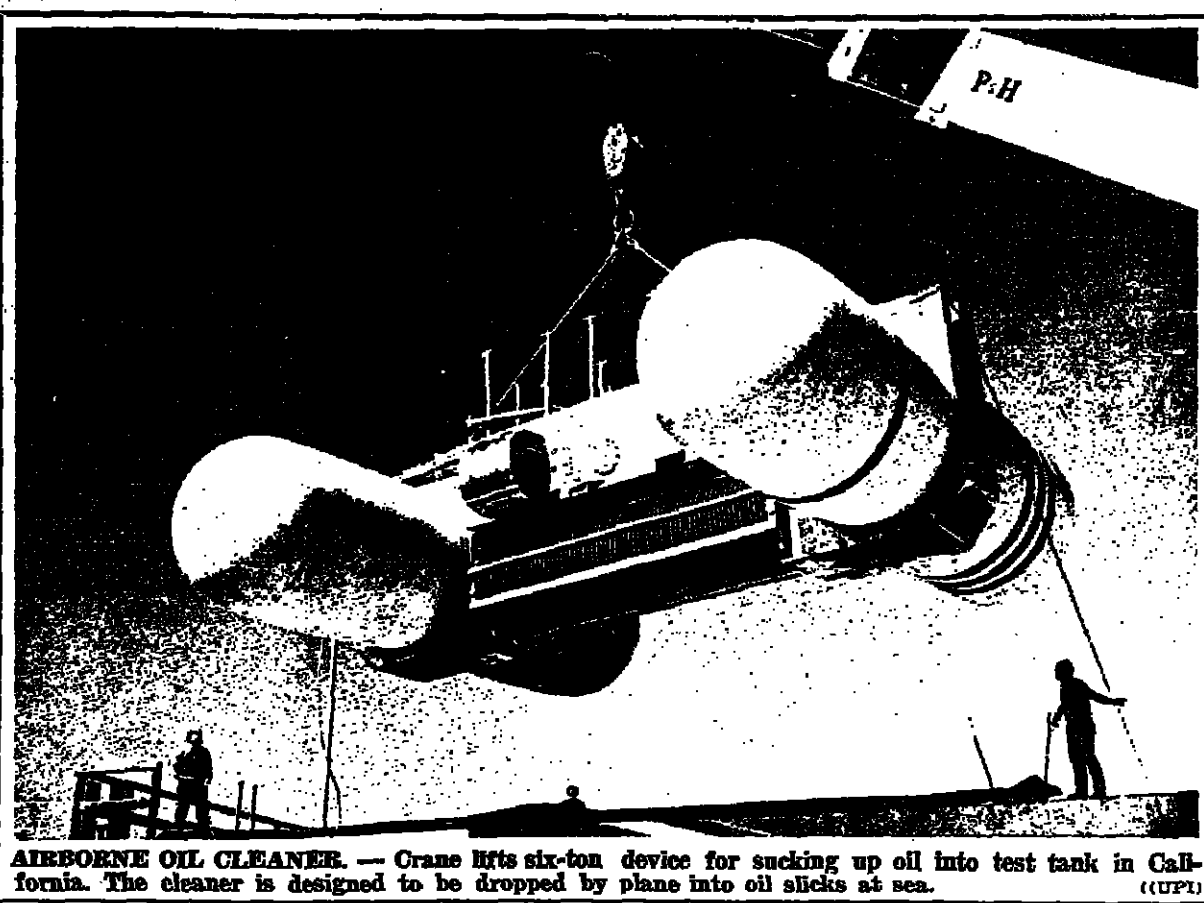
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Shell limits U.S. sales from today

NEW YORK (AP). — Shell Oil Co. has announced that it will limit the amount of petrol it will sell its service stations in the U.S. starting today. Texaco said it would ration drivers to 10 gallons at its stations on toll roads.

The new restrictions fell into a growing industry pattern of allocating supplies as a result of the U.S. petrol shortage. Exxon and Gulf Oil Co. took similar steps earlier this week.

Shell's statement said its stations would receive monthly allocations based on their 1972 purchases, with some adjustments to assure fair treatment.



AIRBORNE OIL CLEANER. — Crane lifts six-ton device for sucking up oil into test tank in California. The cleaner is designed to be dropped by plane into oil slicks at sea. (UPI)

'Face of capitalism'

Firm's disclosures shock U.K. public

LONDON (UPI). — Roland "Tiny" Rowland, millionaire head of Britain's Africa-spanning Lonrho mining and development group, yesterday crashed overwhelmingly a bid by rebel directors to fire him as chief executive of the corporation. A specially convened extraordinary meeting of stockholders voted by 29,500,000 shares against 4,500,000 to keep Rowland in his job.

The showdown meeting climaxed months of efforts by the rebels headed by Sir Basil Smallpiece, a director, to oust Rowland from control of the £150m. combine. Seven of the company's directors supported Rowland and eight wanted him out. The special meeting voted overwhelmingly to fire the eight rebels.

The rebel directors charged Rowland acted as a "one-man band," that he failed to consult the board of directors and that his operations endangered the company's financial stability. When the rebels tried to fire him, Rowland sought a High Court injunction to prevent them doing so until yesterday's extraordinary stockholders' meeting.

Rowland lost his case and the rebels agreed to wait until yesterday. But the High Court case brought out disclosures that shocked the British public.

They showed that some directors, including Rowland, had substantial parts of their salaries or other income paid in the Cayman Islands, a "tax haven" British colony in the Caribbean.

The court heard Rowland himself lived rent free in a country home for which the company paid £850,000.

It also heard that Duncan Sandys, a former son-in-law of Sir Winston Churchill and a former Cabinet minister, was paid £130,000 compen-

sation to give up a part time job as "consultant" to the company and immediately afterwards was given the post of chairman of the board at a £45,000 salary.

Prime Minister Edward Heath said in Parliament that these and other disclosures showed "this unpleasant and unacceptable face of capitalism." Labour opposition leader Harold Wilson said Lonrho's affairs "throw a glaring light on the evil face of a system Mr.

Heath was elected to serve." Sandys announced amid cheers and applause the results of the voting to nearly 1,000 stockholders jamming a London hall for the special meeting. Eight other resolutions voting Rowland's boardroom opponents out of their jobs were passed by heavy majorities. The biggest was 26 million against 7.8 million to fire Smallpiece, who had led the fight to oust Rowland himself.

Record foreign trade deficit for Russia

MOSCOW (Reuters). — The Soviet Union last year registered a global foreign trade deficit of 600m. rubles (£320m.). — Its largest deficit since World War II.

Recent statistics show that deficits also occurred in 1960 (50m. rubles — £22m.) and 1964 (48m. rubles — £26m.) but these were on a much smaller scale than last year's gap. Figures published this week by the Soviet "Foreign Trade" journal show that Soviet foreign trade slumped from a favourable balance in 1971 of 1,200m. (£640m.) to last year's deficit of 600m. rubles.

Soviet exports totalled 12,700m. (£780m.) of which about 19 per cent went to capitalist Western countries and imports rose to 13,300m. rubles (£810m.) of which "more than one quarter were from capitalist countries." "Foreign Trade" stated.

A rough calculation based on these figures indicates that the Soviet trade gap with the Western capitalist countries amounted to some 1,000m. rubles (£580m.).

Trade between the Soviet Union and Western countries and Japan rose significantly last year but the most dramatic rise occurred with the U.S. — 184m. rubles (£100m.) in 1971 to 338m. rubles (£200m.) in 1972, and Canada — 149m. rubles (£90m.) to 300m. rubles (£180m.). Part of these substantial increases with the U.S. and Canada are attributed to large grain purchases made by the Soviet Union following last year's crop failure, due to sharp frost in winter and droughts in summer.

Soviet grain repayments are, however, spread over several years and will continue to exert a downward influence on the Soviet trade balance for several years, correspondents here said.

The planned growth of Soviet foreign trade is seen here as rising from a global 22,000m. rubles (£11,800m.) in 1970 to 30,000m. rubles (£18,000m.) in 1975, final year of the current (ninth) five year plan.

More cuts in income tax seen

Jerusalem Post Reporter

HERZLIYA. — Finance Minister Pinhas Sapir is thinking of a further reduction in income tax sometime after next spring, the director of the Finance Ministry's State Revenue Division, Moshe Neudorfer, said here yesterday.

Mr. Neudorfer, who was speaking to a conference of accountants at the Accadia Hotel here, said Mr. Sapir felt such a reduction would be in order once the Value Added Tax comes into effect on April 1, 1974.

He estimated that the changes would include lowering the maximum tax from the present 70 per cent (including compulsory Defence Loan) to 65 per cent. Other changes, assuming the Knesset approves, would involve raising the floor below which no tax is charged, and possibly adjusting the ceiling as well.

The Revenue Division's assistant director, Dr. Ben-Ami Zukerman, told the accountants that prices had shown signs of arresting their spiral during May. He thought this trend would continue.

The president of the Accountants Society, Zalman Graped, opened the conference by saying he felt that collective tax incentives given to workers came to be seen simply as a right and failed in their intended role of raising productivity. (Him)

Squabble over oil prices continues

GENEVA (Reuters). — Western oil companies and the world's major petroleum exporting nations yesterday kept up their wrangle over higher oil prices to compensate for the 10 per cent dollar devaluation three months ago.

There were hints that the stalemate over the price dispute could be broken by today, but officials on both sides were reluctant to make any firm forecast.

The 11-nation Organization of Petroleum Exporting Countries (OPEC) wants an increase of 11 per cent on the posted price of crude oil to make up for the revenue losses caused by the dollar devaluation. The companies' last reported offer was eight per cent.

Japanese GNP

TOKYO (AP). — Japan's gross national product in 1971 will total twice the comparable amount for West Germany and half that of the U.S., a leading research institute here has predicted.

The Nomura Research Institute of Technology and Economics said that Japan's GNP would total \$447,700m., West Germany's \$400,000m., and the U.S. \$1,500,000m. It also estimated Japan's per capita income in 1971 would be \$6,287 and called this the third highest in the world after Sweden's \$7,200 and the U.S. \$6,500.

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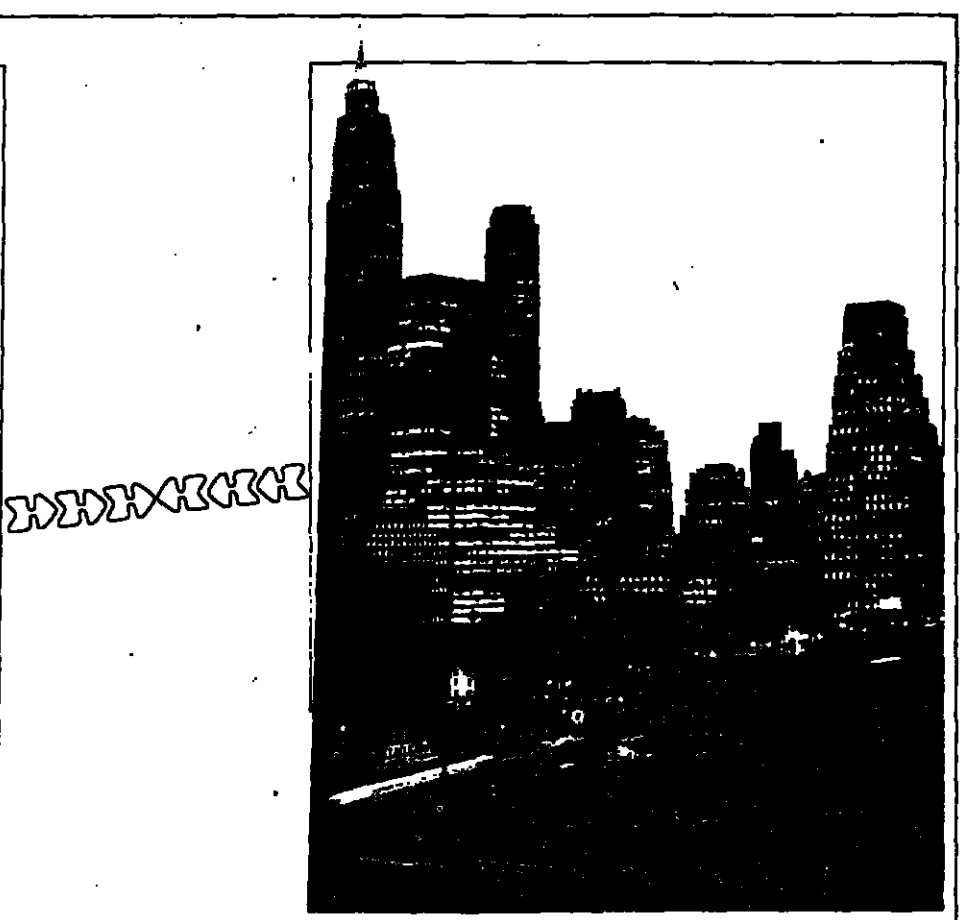
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In the years preceding the Six Day War, his course was usually determined by opposition to, and fear of, Abdul Nasser. During the Algerian rebellion, when Nasser was supplying the rebels and F.L.N. troops were stationed in Tunisia, Bourguiba feared an Egyptian attempt to overthrow his regime and dominate the Maghreb. Thus, despite his pro-Western and pro-French sympathies, he at times outdid even Nasser in attacking the West to curry Arab sentiment, and, of course, attacking Israel.

At the U.N. he bettered Nasser's Cairo Radio in comparing Israel to the Nazis and decrying Israeli "colonialism." He predicted that an Algerian-like revolt would also occur in "Palestine."

Later, in 1965 when the Algerian question had been solved, but Nasser's militant Pan Arabism still dominated the Arab world, Bourguiba visited Jordan and declared that the Arabs should seek a political not a military solution to the "Palestine problem."

Precisely what he intended was never very clear, for as he was subject to fierce denunciations in Arab capitals, his proposals changed in hue. At first it seemed that he was advising the Arab world to recognize the fact of Israel's existence — at least on the basis of the 1947 U.N. partition plan. But later he also explained that what he proposed was a diplomatic strategy for negotiations which if accepted by Israel would lead ultimately to its dissolution, and if rejected would discomfit Israel internally and give the Arabs the political advantage.

Yet he hedged sufficiently for some here to believe or at least to say that perhaps a new wind was blowing in Arabia.

However dubious that was, what was clear was that Bourguiba was trying to weaken Nasser's hold. He declared publicly that the Egyptian ruler, expansionist by nature, was trying to dominate all of Africa.

After the Six Day War Bourguiba was in a good position to say that his advice for a political rather than military campaign against Israel was not taken, and with disastrous results. He openly advocated that Nasser should resign, and said as well that now the Arabs must recognize Israel. But what he proposed, publicly, was again an Israel as envisaged under the Partition Plan.

Since then he has often called for Big Power pressure on Israel to obtain withdrawal. But despite the shifts in rhetoric he has with fair consistency argued that the Arabs and the Palestinians should not set their hopes on a military solution.

His voice has therefore been singular if also dubious. Now he has publicly asked to meet an Israeli leader. If there has been uncertainty here about what this means, there is good reason, given the experience of the past.

Yet again he has said something no one else in the Arab world has dared to say out loud. And if there is no evidence to show that the Tunisian President has altered his basic views that treating should be seen as a strategy for overcoming Israel, it is also true that we should do nothing to discourage or disparage any Arab leader who is prepared to say he prefers talk to war.

Ben-Aharon's 'popular slogans' ignore the stubborn issue

THINGS AREN'T SO SIMPLE

Histadrut chief Yitzhak Ben-Aharon's critique of the country's economic policies is cogent and clear. But his prescriptions for reform ignore basic economic truths, says our Economic Editor MOSHE ATER.

THE views recently voiced by Histadrut's Secretary-General Yitzhak Ben-Aharon and again articulated in an interview with me published in *The Jerusalem Post* Economic Supplement earlier this week require careful examination. At a time when most of our leaders have little to offer besides generalities, Mr. Ben-Aharon, unfolds a comprehensive programme which seems to provide plausible solutions for most of our current problems, and he does so while adhering to progressive, democratic, socialist principles.

Moreover, several of his criticisms are generally accepted. One cannot deny that our economy is overheated, that inflation is getting out of hand, that it adversely affects both our economic performance and our social climate, that people in low income brackets fare worse under inflation than the well-to-do. The decline of educational values, which he notes, is widely deplored both here and abroad. The shortcomings of our administration are regularly exposed by the State Comptroller.

The question is whether, by starting with the same critique, one is bound to arrive at the same conclusions as Mr. Ben-Aharon.

A case in point is Mr. Ben-Aharon's suggestion for ending the influx of Arab labour from the administered territories by expanding employment opportunities there.

"Factories, plants and workshops must be promoted in the territories in order to absorb the workers now commuting over the border," Mr. Ben-Aharon proposes. He argues that Israel should provide the required investment as a grant-in-aid, writing it off as any other defence spending, in order to stem the influx of Arab workers.

Seems logical

On the face of it, the proposition seems logical enough. Its starting point is real and palpable enough. The national tension within the State of Israel is a sore, for which a remedy will have to be found, perhaps a dramatic one.

However, upon closer look the proposal shows its cracks. Development cannot be applied to the administered areas simply by allocating funds, even as an outright grant. It is a long process, which includes close cooperation, tuition, mutual trust. This cannot succeed unless the territories are eventually integrated into Greater Israel even more than they are today.

One may argue that this process is inevitable, because the present daily commuting by 60,000 Arabs over long distances to farms and factories within the Green Line is wasteful and demoralizing. Or one can argue that the process must be speeded up because national tension will be reduced by full integration and equalization of living and educational standards. Or one can say that nothing can be done about the tension and that we must live with it because no alternative is in sight. But Mr. Ben-Aharon's suggestion resembles making an omelette, and then trying to unscramble the eggs.

It is in fact nothing but an impressive slogan. Moreover, it is impressive because it includes a little legerdemain, presenting the issue (the tension within the binational state) as confined to the relationship between Israel and the administered territories, while in fact it is no less alive

and burning between Jews and Arabs within the Green Line borders. Real life is more complex than ideology would like it to be.

There is similar misleading simplification in Mr. Ben-Aharon's approach to the problem of inflation. It blames a handful of parasitic, speculative rich, who alone have spare money to spend, and by their excess demand raise prices, and in the process earn yet bigger profits.

He says: "Sound economic growth is endangered by inflation, but inflation is fed by the accumulation of speculative profits. What we need are productive investments, not parasitic ones. Higher taxes would reduce the funds piled up by the few rich instead of being channelled into productive projects. On the other hand, the people's purchasing power would be enhanced and thus an impetus given to production and growth."

This is an appealing idea, until one examines it closely. Where do the rich get all their profits from, if the rest of us lack purchasing power? Does all that excess demand for thousands of items which makes our GNP, which our production plus import cannot meet, come solely from the rich 10 per cent or so of the people? Have not popular living standards also been rising rapidly?

Vital distinction

Again, there is a vital distinction between saying that the rich benefit, while the poor lose (relatively) from inflation, and saying that inflation is created by the rich. The distinction is vital because the manner of treating the disease depends on it. Mr. Ben-Aharon recommends progressive taxation to reduce the idle funds which the rich withhold from productive use, and to provide the common man with more purchasing power, which would promote more economic growth.

But if it is the aggregate, national demand which is excessive, such a shift would only make inflation worse.

Inflation is not a matter of class struggle, of favouring the rich at the expense of the poor, or vice versa. It cannot be remedied by shifting resources from one group of people to another, because the root of the evil is that our aggregate consumption exceeds the capacity of the country to produce. That may mean that the middle classes, and even the poor, are living beyond their (or our national) means, not to speak of our over-fed public sector, and our ambitious investment programmes, whether "parasitic" or "productive."

To combat inflation, we need more saving, not more spending, because our economy is already "overheated" — i.e. it cannot turn out more products and services than it already does.

The crucial fact is that, far from accumulating idle funds (as charged by Mr. Ben-Aharon), not even our rich do save enough, quite apart from the middle-class, while the Government is living on a perennial deficit. In these circumstances, giving another boost to popular spending would at best increase our domestic market, while we need a shift of more resources to export.

In this case too Mr. Ben-Aharon's prescription turns out to be but a popular slogan, which does not take into account the stubborn issues which must be faced. In order to check inflation many more things must be done than milking the rich and supporting the poor.

Tax reform

We urgently need a tax reform, including a value-added-tax, which Mr. Ben-Aharon rejects because everybody would have to pay it. We need a new approach to collective wage bargaining, and a reform of the trade unions, which Mr. Ben-Aharon would not like to consider because that implies the workers are also responsible for inflation. We need a reappraisal of public spending programmes, including not only grants to investors (which Mr. Ben-Aharon thinks outrageous), but also subsidies to basic commodities (which he extols).

Without inflation speculators may indeed lose, and the have-nots fare better, but this objective can be attained only indirectly, by bringing our economy into better working order.

It is less easy to expose the over-simplification involved in Mr. Ben-Aharon's approach to prices, taxes and subsidies, because it is disguised by apparent common sense. A society like Israel's is based on private ownership and on free use of resources, including both consumption and enterprise. As a result, it functions by the mutual exchange of goods and services, of labour, capital and income, oriented towards the respective costs and benefits.

However, it is also aimed at the people's welfare, and so provides a number of services, including both consumption and enterprise. The income distribution imposed by the market forces is thus corrected, and excessive hardships are prevented. Mr. Ben-Aharon argues that once society has assumed responsibility for people's welfare, economic considerations,

cost and price relations ought to be disregarded. The only yardstick for evaluating our policies should be their relevance to decent living standards. However, concepts like "decency" and "living standards" are inevitably arbitrary. And even a welfare — or a Communist — economy cannot operate in the red.

"The whole of our economy is heavily subsidized," Mr. Ben-Aharon argues, "so why shouldn't we subsidize, first and foremost, the people's basic commodities?... Once subsidies are limited to the poor a means test is involved. This issue concerns hundreds of thousands of people who work and earn a living, and yet cannot make ends meet because in a free market they are easy prey for speculators."

Isn't that plausible? Not necessarily. People may be striving to keep up with the Joneses. Their grumbling about the grocer and the supermarket (and the higher municipal rates) does not prove that they are exploited by a handful of speculators. It may well be that businessmen take advantage of their eagerness to purchase goods in respect of the cost involved. An underprivileged minority may be in need of special aid at the public's expense, but if massive subsidies are required something must be wrong with the working of the market forces (perhaps as a result of inflation). "Why shouldn't bread be obtainable free, like health or education? And why only bread?" Mr. Ben-Aharon asks.

People's whims

But if one takes up his rhetoric earnestly, the same logic could be applied to rolls, milk, meat, refrigerators, flats. Since not even the State can cater for all people's whims, a standard consumption basket would have to be fixed, which would bring us back to rationing.

The provision of free basic education is not an argument to the contrary, because education is compulsory, and its programme is laid down by the State. And water or electricity (or bread) supplied at reduced prices is wasted on a large scale, although the individual may not be aware of it.

Should indirect taxes be abolished? Not necessarily. The State services are not intended solely for redistribution of incomes. The poor also benefit from defence, roads or hospitals. And if a man gets some services at less-than-cost, he can be asked to contribute part of the loss involved

by paying some tax on luxuries (or semi-luxuries) can afford.

Should income tax rates be raised steeply in order to achieve equality?

Again, not necessarily. Equality depends not only on services and subsidies doled out by the State, but also on proper functioning of the national economy, on full employment, on adequate saving, investment, on profit incentive and confidence in the economy. The fiscal burden on an economy can bear many factors, including the efficiency of the public sector, which is patently inadequate in this country.

That the high tax rates in Israel are not only for the rich capitalists but also anti-productive for the national economy, is proved by the fact that the tax is dodged by wage-earners with the connivance of the tax authorities. Reduced tax rates are not only for profits of "proved" investors, but also for the "wage incentives," "on pay," etc. of dockers or workers. In fact, income rentals have been increased among wage earners steeply progressive tax rates observers say, partly of them.

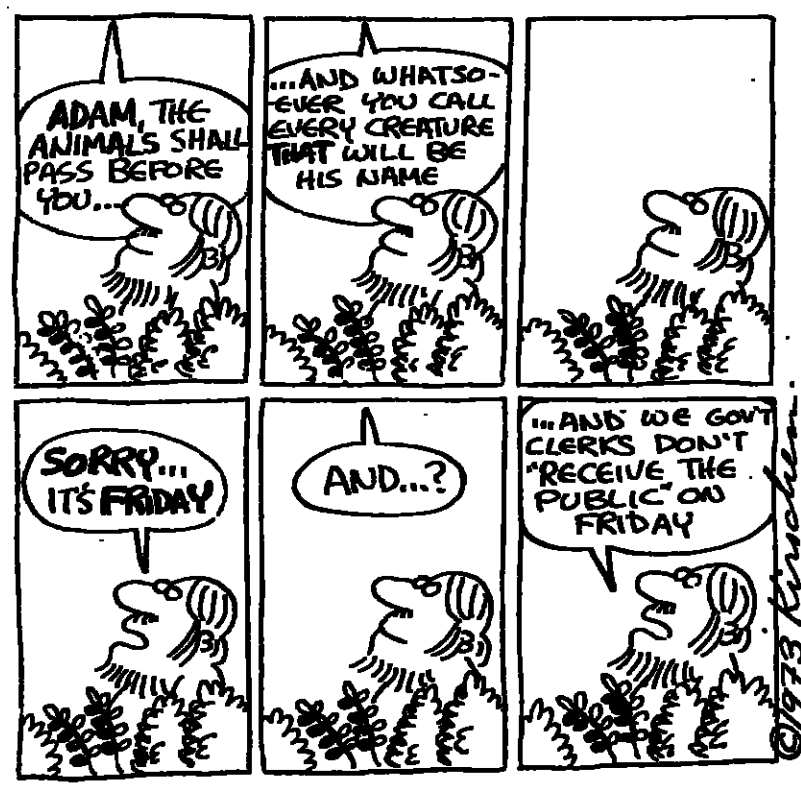
Real forces

By deliberately overlooking complex working of real forces, Mr. Ben-Aharon rates the importance of factors.

What is required, is much the expansion of the public sector, but the improvement of its performance, the reduction of waste and red tape in the State administration, also in Kupat Holim, which Ben-Aharon maintains is the reduction of labour in public services to the level of private industry.

A five-day, 40-hour week plus higher real income, which Ben-Aharon recommends, be achieved by higher more subsidies and Government fixed prices, but by more investments, enterprise, and more efficient use of land and material resources.

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J. SHAPIRO

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